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SHANTUNG WAR.

BIG NATIONALIST CLAIM.

TAI-AN FALLEN?

Japanese Troops Arrive At Tsinanfu.

NANKING GOVERNMENT LODGES PROTEST.

While the majority of sources indicate that a lull has set in, the Nationalists claim another important capture, that of Tai-an, which is only 35 miles south of Tsinanfu, the capital of Shantung province. Japanese troops have arrived at Tsinanfu, which is on the south bank of the Yellow River and the junction of railways northward to Tientsin and eastward to Tsingtao, on the coast.

In connection with the despatch of the Japanese force, the Nationalist Government at Nanking has lodged a protest on the usual lines, drawing attention to the instructions to Chinese authorities to give protection to foreigners. The Peking Government has received a reply from Japan to its first protest and has sent a second protest.

POWER'S REPLY.

Nanking, Yesterday. The Nationalist Foreign Minister, General Hwang Fu, in a Note to the Japanese Foreign Minister on April 21, recalls that the Chinese Nationalist Government last May protested to the Japanese Government in connection with the despatch of Japanese troops to Shantung and says that although the troops were subsequently withdrawn, the sense of resentment is still felt by Chinese.

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The Note points out that since the establishment of the Nationalist Government at Nanking, orders had been repeatedly given to military and civil authorities fully to protect the lives and property of Nationals of friendly Powers.

Goal of Unification. "Unfortunately," the Note continues, "the Japanese Government had utterly disregarded these facts, and at a time when the Nationalist Armies are engaged on the Second Northern Expedition, and when the goal of China's unification is in sight the Japanese Government again proposes to despatch troops to Shantung. In so doing, the Japanese Government is looking at the situation in the same false light of last May. Such an attitude is warranted neither by existing conditions nor by legal sanctions. It is an action not only a flagrant violation of the principles of international law and Treaty stipulations, but which may also, it is feared, give rise to serious consequences, the responsibility for which must be difficult to determine."

A "Strong" Protest. The Note concludes:—"Against this step of despatching troops of Shantung the Nationalist Foreign Minister is constrained to lodge a strong protest with the Japanese Foreign Minister and request the Japanese Government, in view of the friendly and amicable relations between the two peoples, to reconsider the action and immediately stop sending forces destined for Shantung, so that the cordial relations happily subsisting between the two nations may be maintained."—Reuter.

WAR REPORTS.

Northern Armies' Line of Defence.

Peking, Yesterday.

WINDOW SMASHED.

Another Soldier Sent To Jail.

NO EXPLANATION.

Glass Breaking "Tommy" Gets Two Months' Hard Labour.

Private W. G. Poxon of the Queen's Royal Regiment, was this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy for breaking a pane of glass at Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw's building at 6.20 this morning, causing damage to the extent of \$22.

Poxon pleaded guilty, and when asked by the Magistrate what reason he had for breaking the window, Poxon said that he had no reason to offer.

Mr. Lindsell passed sentence of two months' hard labour and ordered Poxon to pay \$22 as compensation for the broken glass, or, in default, to undergo an additional 14 days' jail.

The broken glass was in a window in the side of the lift entrance of Whiteaway's, and to get at it, Poxon had to enter a lane between Whiteaway's building and the Queen's Dispensary. A large stone must have been thrown with force at the window, which had a big hole in the centre of it.

is 100 miles north, and was captured by the Nationalists from the Northerners. Tai-an is another 45 miles north of Yenchow. Tsinanfu is 35 miles north of Tai-an. Tsinanfu is 20 miles south-west of Yenchow; it was captured by the "Christian General" after striking at the rear of General Sun Chuan-fang.]

Help For General Chang.

Peking, Saturday. A lull is reported to have set in on all fronts in the North China war.

Although the leaders in the Peking Government are not sending troops to their colleagues who are being pressed by the Nationalists in Shantung province, it is reliably reported that the Peking leaders have sent 400,000 rounds to Tsinanfu; also, that Marshal Chang Tsung-chang (who commands an army group in Shantung), \$1,250,000 at Chang Tsung-chang's urgent request.—Reuter.

[Note: Tsinanfu is the capital of Shantung province. The Tientsin-Pukow Railway (north to south) crosses the Yellow River at Tsinanfu, and another line runs eastward to Tsingtao, on the coast. It is still held by General Chang Tsung-chang's Northern troops.]

JAPANESE TROOPS.

Earlier Reports of Chinese Protests.

Peking, Saturday.

The Japanese Legation in Peking has notified the Waichiao (Foreign Ministry of the Peking Government) that Japanese troops are being sent to Shantung province. The Waichiao protested against this.

Four hundred and sixty Japanese troops from Tientsin arrived at Tsinanfu on Friday evening.—Reuter.

Nationalist Protest.

The Foreign Affairs Supervisory Council, in the Nationalist Government at Nanking, states the "Nam Chung Pao," has instructed the Foreign Ministry formally to protest to the Japanese Government against the despatch of armed forces to Shantung.

The Central Political Council (the highest authority in the Nationalist Government) was to have met yesterday to discuss the position created by Japan's decision.

Precautionary Measures.

The Diplomatic Body has fixed on a date for a conference to extend precautionary measures for the protection of foreigners in China. Tientsin is to be the centre of the measures, states a Shanghai cable to the "Kung Sheng Yat Po," and the steps to be taken will be such that no misunderstanding can arise but will meet with the approval of the Japanese Government.

JAPANESE DIET.

Will Probably Be Dissolved.

MINISTER'S DEATH.

Vice-Minister Of Home Affairs Dies After Party Meeting.

Shanghai, To-day. A Tokyo telegram states that attending the conference of the Seiyukai, at which the Government is understood to have decided to dissolve the Diet if a vote of non-confidence is passed, Mr. Kinkichi Muto, Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Home Affairs suddenly died.—Reuter.

Momentous Session Opened.

Tokyo, To-day. H.M. the Emperor has formally opened the Special Diet Session. The non-confidence vote is expected to be introduced on the 27th inst. after the passage of the Coronation Estimates. Both sides are strenuously endeavouring to win over the support of the Independents who hold the fate of the Government in their hands.—Reuter.

ACQUITTED!

SINCLAIR FREE AT LAST OF TEAPOT DOME.

OIL SCANDAL DROPS.

New York, Yesterday. The mercury in the Democratic thermometer dropped rapidly when Mr. Sinclair's acquittal was announced, for the mere mention, during the past four years, of the names of many prominent Republicans in connection with the Teapot Dome oil scandal, stimulated the hopes of the Democrats that the Republican standard could not



Mr. Harry Sinclair.

be borne aloft at the Presidential election in November, if the Court of Justice castigated, as they fully anticipated, the Republican administrations for alleged "fraud and corruption."

The charge on which Mr. Sinclair is now acquitted was that of con-

"SOME RAIN."

N.E. winds, fresh, overcast, some rain, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow. The depression has developed into a typhoon and is central to the N.E. of Tokyo. The trough has filled up. The anticyclone over N. China has strengthened.

spiriting with the Secretary of the Interior to defraud the United States Government in 1922, in connection with the lease of the Teapot Dome oil reserve. This belonged to the Government. The lease was cancelled in October, 1927, on the grounds of fraud and corruption.

Sinclair Acquitted.

New York, April 21. Mr. Harry Sinclair, the oil magnate who was being tried in connection with the Teapot Dome oil scandal, has been acquitted.—Reuter's American Service.

RESPECTABLE!

CHINESE WITH A PAIR OF SHOES.

When a coolie was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning with the unlawful possession of 53 bottles of bleached bones at West Point, he said that a man engaged him to carry the bones. He judged his employer was a respectable man because he wore a pair of shoes! He was given the benefit of the doubt and discharged. The bones were confiscated.

TOM HEENEY.

To Meet Tunney In New York.

RICKARD'S STATEMENT.

Site Likely To Be The Yankee Stadium; Date, July 26.

Washington, April 17. Tex Rickard announced to-day that Heavy weight Champion Gene Tunney and Challenger Tom Heeney of New Zealand will stage their expected battle in New York City.

This announcement puts at rest rumours that the bout would be in London on account of Heeney's British nationality. London promoters turned a frigid shoulder to the proposition, and London fog and rain were considered another unpromising factor for any outdoor battle.

The date of the meeting was not made public, but it is expected to prove July 26, at the Yankee Stadium because previous rumours had indicated late August and the New York Boxing Commission had assigned Thursday as the day for Rickard's summer bouts.—United Press.

MURDER TRIAL.

LOCAL BARRISTER'S FIRST CASE.

LAI-CHI-KOK INDIANS.

Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam, the local barrister, defended in his first murder case at the Supreme Court this morning.

At the Criminal Sessions, Sandagar Singh, a watchman at the Standard Oil Co.'s Lai-chi-kok installation, was charged with the murder of a colleague, Jetta Singh, on the night of Feb. 18 and 19. The case came before the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice J. R. Wood. The jury comprised Messrs. F. Goodwin (foreman), J. H. Raikes, S. Juman, M. A. Xavier, S. E. Sousa, C. C. Wong and R. Abraham.

Mr. Tam was instructed by Mr. A. E. Hall Prisoner pleaded "not guilty." Mr. H. S. Fitzroy, acting Assistant Attorney-General prosecuted. Acting Detective Inspector Lane had charge of the Police case.

23 Witnesses.

Twenty-three witnesses will be called and it is expected that the hearing will occupy two days.

Enlarged photographs of the corpse, plans of Lai-chi-kok and locality and of the Standard Oil Co.'s installation were produced and handed to the Bench and to the jury.

A large number of Sikhs and a sprinkling of Europeans were present.

Outlining the Crown case, Mr. Fitzroy said that as in most murder cases, nobody saw the blow or blows struck; but there were a series of facts which showed that the crime had been committed, that Jetta Singh was the man killed and that the evidence would show beyond all reasonable doubt that prisoner was the man who killed him.

Prisoner's Explanation.

Mr. Fitzroy referred in detail to the alleged movements of the prisoner and deceased on the day of Feb. 18. When neither was found at 11.45 p.m. (just before they should have gone on duty), a search was made. Deceased was found lying on his right side with knees drawn up, outside the Chinese staff quarters. Life was extinct.

Prisoner was arrested the next morning at the Kowloon-Canton Railway station, with a ticket for Samchun (the first station in Chinese territory), with bloodstains on his overcoat and trousers. His explanation, said Mr. Fitzroy, was that he was going to see a friend. Prisoner's tunic was found, also with bloodstains, on a bed.

Medical Evidence.

Dr. J. R. Dovey, medical officer in charge of Kowloon Mortuary, gave evidence on the post mortem examination. There were wounds in the head, gashes 12, 6 and 5½ inches long, respectively. An axe or a heavy instrument with a sharp edge would have caused the wounds, he said. The skull had "practically been smashed in on the left side."

Dovey gave it as his opinion that him by Det. Inspector Lane.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

Wreath Laid At The Cenotaph.

K.O.S.B.'S WITH FLAGS!

Pictures & Concerts For The Forces To-night.

Even some of the men in the King's Own Scottish Borderers wore the Cross of St. George in their caps to-day but there were very few of them. Men of the 1st. Batt. Queen's Royal Regiment were seen with the little flags in their headgear, permission having been given by the Military authorities.

Promptly at nine o'clock this morning, a wreath was laid at the Cenotaph in Statue Square as on St. George's Day in former years.

Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O. (President of St. George's Society, Hong Kong) and the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C. (a Past President) carried the wreath between them. Others who were present at the main entrance to the Hong Kong Club and walked in the procession were Mr. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E., K.C., Mr. H. R. B. Hancock and Mr. W. A. Dowley (Past Presidents), Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. P. S. Cassidy, Mr. R. E. Lindsell, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Mr. J. Bentley, Mr. S. T. Butlin (hon. secretary), Mr. Greensmith, Mr. H. R. Phelps, Mr. J. H. Tarrant, and Mr. S. H. Dutton.

Retreat Programme.

The following programme of music is to be played by the Band and Drums of the 1st Battn. the Queen's Royal Regiment on the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground (weather permitting) at 5.30 p.m.:

1. Combined, "Aldershot"—March.
2. Drums, "I wonder how I look when I'm asleep"—Song; "Moon of the mountains"—Marches.
3. Band, "Charmaine"—Selection.
4. Combined, "Song at Twilight"—The Risings.
5. Drums, RETREAT.
6. Combined, "I passed by your window"—The Risings.
7. Combined, "Hallelujah"—March.
8. Combined, "Wee MacGregor"—Patrol.
9. Combined, "The Colours"—Slow March; "Georgia"—Quick March.
10. Combined, "War Time Songs".
11. Band, "Abide With Me"—Evening Hymn.

Regimental Marches.

The Prince of Wales, God Save The King.

To-night's Concerts.

At half-past nine to-night, the Committee and members of St. George's Society, Hong Kong, will be "at Home" to His Majesty's Forces at the Queen's Theatre and the Star Theatre in Kowloon.

"The Battles of Coronel and the Falklands" will be screened at the Queen's Theatre, where Mr. W. A. Hannibal and Mr. Glover will take part in the musical programme.

There will also be a film entertainment at the Star, the feature being "Tell It to the Marines." Mrs. Carnegie will sing "Land of Hope and Glory."

one of the wounds was inflicted when deceased was standing up, the others when he was lying down. Death was due to multiple fractures of the skull and laceration of the brain.

Cross-examined by Mr. Tam, Dr. Dovey said that the abrasions on prisoner's hand (which witness saw when prisoner was charged) were consistent with having been caused by a fall. Deceased appeared to be 35 years old, about the same age as the prisoner, but seemed to be the stronger of the two. Deceased was not a habitual drinker.

Not "Evidence."

Mr. Fitzroy, in his opening, had referred to prisoner and deceased having had a bottle of Holland's gin on the morning of Feb. 18 and that they were both seen, drunk, during the day.

Mr. Tam referred to a statement by Dr. Dovey that alcohol had been found in the stomach by the Analyst. His Lordship held that this could not be admitted as evidence unless the Analyst gave it or direct.

Dr. W. K. Duncomb, assistant Bacteriologist, testified to finding human blood on different parts of a tunic, a pair of trousers and an

CHINA LIGHT CO.

Increase of Capital Meeting.

AMENDMENT CARRIED.

Share Allotment In Discretion Of Directors.

An amendment was proposed and carried to-day, at an extraordinary meeting of the China Light & Power (1918) Co., Ltd., held in St. George's Building.

Mr. R. G. Shawan presided. There were present Messrs. H. P. White, Lee Hsyan (directors), Noel Braga (secretary), A. L. Shields, A. Keith, Tse Tsan-tai, A. A. Botelho, F. J. Tavares, I. W. Shawan, J. Toppin, J. Coulthart, John Dick and W. G. Lawson (shareholders).

Chairman's Speech.

The notice convening was read by the secretary. The chairman then said:—

Gentlemen,—The object of the resolutions just read is to obtain further capital for the company to the extent of \$600,000 by the issue of 120,000 new shares at \$5 paid up.

This money will be utilised in the first instance in liquidating our overdraft with our bankers and for the purchase and reclamation of additional land adjoining the site of the power station, and secondly to meet heavy capital expenditure principally on new sub-stations at Kowloon Tong, Mongkok and Tsim-sha-tau. And we anticipate having later on to provide for the supply of electricity in the New Territories—a matter which is now receiving the consideration of the Government.

Directors' Intention.

Dates of payment and other particulars will be stated in the notices offering you these new shares, but I may add it is the present intention of the directors that those shareholders who are unable to pay the final call of \$4 per share on due date will be given up to June 30, 1929, on payment of interest at the rate of nine per cent. per annum on the overdue calls. But it will be to the interest of shareholders to pay the balance of \$4 per share on due date to secure thereon the current dividend in respect thereof.

First Resolution.

Mr. Shawan then proposed the first resolution as follows:—

"That the authorised capital of the company (which is now \$3,000,000 consisting of 600,000 shares of the nominal value of \$5 each the whole of which have been issued) be increased to \$3,600,000 by the creation of 120,000 additional shares of the nominal value of \$5 each ranking (subject as hereinafter mentioned) as from date of allotment for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the shares constituting the company's present issued capital."

Mr. A. Keith seconded. The resolution was carried unanimously.

The Amendment.

Mr. Shawan then proposed the second resolution. Mr. J. Coulthart seconded. Mr. H. P. White proposed an amendment, as follows:—

"That resolution No. 2 be amended by the deletion of the words 'as to the sum of \$1 part thereof on the first day of May, 1928, and as to the balance thereof, i.e., \$4, on the first day of June, 1928' at the end of the first paragraph, and the insertion in the place thereof of the words 'in full or by such instalments and on such dates as the directors shall in their absolute discretion decide.'"

Mr. Tse Tsan-tai seconded and the amendment was carried unanimously.

Second Resolution.

Mr. Shawan then proposed the second resolution, as amended, as follows:—

"That the said 120,000 shares be offered forthwith in the first instance (in the proportion of one new share for every complete number of five existing shares held by them respectively) to the members of the company who on the 23rd day of April, 1928, are registered in the company's share register as the holders of the said 600,000 shares at par and so that on acceptance of the offer the nominal amount of \$5 due in respect of such 120,000 shares shall be payable in full or by such instalments and on such dates as the directors shall in their absolute discretion decide."

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行銀國中(Specially Authorized by Presidential
Mandate of the Republic of China
on the 22nd of November, 1917).Authorized Capital \$50,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital \$12,750,000.00
Reserve Fund \$9,250,425.24

HEAD OFFICE: PEKING.

HONG KONG BRANCH:—
1, Queen's Road Central,
Hong Kong, 22nd September, 1927.Branches and Sub-branches all over
China and Correspondents in Europe,
America, and other parts of the world.The National Bankers—The National Pro-
vincial and Union Bank of England, Ltd.,
The Guaranty Trust Company of
New York.Interest allowed on Current Accounts
and Fixed Deposits according to
arrangements.Every description of Banking and
Exchange Business Transacted.

Safe Deposit Boxes to let.

CH. LEM, Manager.

Hong Kong, 20th February, 1927.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK,
LIMITED.

Established 1880.

Capital (fully paid-up) Yen 100,000,000
Reserve fund Yen 99,500,000

Head Office: YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agencies at:—

Alexandria, Newchwang,
Batavia, New York,
Bombay, Canton,
Buenos Ayres, Peking,
Canton, Rangoon,
Cebu, Rio de Janeiro,
Changchun, Saigon,
Dairen (Dahly), San Francisco,
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COMMERCE
AND
FINANCE.

PUBLICITY POWER.

"IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE
INSURANCE."

SOME NOTABLE EXAMPLES.

That it pays to advertise insur-
ance was convincingly indicated by
Mr. R. S. Archer, M.C., A.C.I.I.
(Liverpool and London and Globe
Insurance Co., Ltd., Liverpool), lec-
turing before the Insurance Insti-
tute of Liverpool. He showed that
by advertising it is undoubtedly
possible to create a desire for in-
surance.

Mr. Archer said:—

The advertising of insurance as
an aid to selling is, in this coun-
try, a comparatively neglected
science. It seems so often to be
looked upon as the Cinderella of
insurance salesmanship, as the
poor relation of the family. Some
companies, in fact, are content to
rely for the promotion of their
business upon lines almost iden-
tical with those in being when
reading and writing were the ac-
complishments of the few, when
postal conveniences were negli-
gible, railways unknown, and per-
sonal interview the only practical
method of educating possible in-
surers. Present-day conditions,
which embrace printing presses,
great newspapers, rapid transporta-
tion, many publicity mediums, and
an educated public, offer undoubt-
edly enormous possibilities for the
development of insurance.It is not by any means suggest-
ed that there is little or no ad-
vertising of insurance. On the
contrary, the printed matter in the
form of letter, prospectus, folder
or booklet issued by most offices,
the widespread advertising through
the word of mouth of inspectors
and agents, the increasing number
of newspaper articles upon insur-
ance matters, all are helping to
spread public knowledge of insur-
ance, to create wider attention to
its necessity, and to make its con-
sideration more generally popular.Even, however, in the United
States of America—that country in
which some of the most striking
insurance advertisements are issued
by companies of British origin—
a real conception of the power
of advertising to create public con-
fidence in insurance has come only
within practically the past ten
years.Most British companies—some of
them more than two centuries old
—have slowly but steadily built up
their present vast incomes almost
entirely by personal salesmanship.
Educating the public to the insur-
ance ideal by such methods is, how-
ever, bound to be slow and labori-
ous. When it is considered that
an inspector spends, on a rough
average, less than 10 per cent. of
his time face to face with people
likely to insure, my point will be
the better appreciated. The other
90 per cent. usually goes in travel-
ling, in spare work, in creating in-
terest, or giving information, which
could be given more economically
and just as effectively through the
printed word.Psychologists tell us that there
are three avenues of retention—
hearing, writing and reading—and
the greatest of these is reading.
The eye transmits its message to
the brain 25 times faster than the
ear, and so the visible advertise-
ment can give its message to a
prospective client 25 times quick-
er, and in many cases with great-
er chance of retention, than is pos-
sible through personal narration.Who knows? This thought may
have been present in the minds of
our forefathers when it was first
decided to place firemarks over the
doors of property insured by them.
Not only did the mark provide
publicity for the company, not only
did it serve as a tangible and con-
stant reminder to the insured, but
in the eyes of all who passed, it
gave him a certain badge of dis-
tinction as one who was progres-
sive and prudent.

Ideal State of Affairs.

Modern insurance press ad-
vertising is a well-defined plan for re-

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LTD.

HEAD OFFICE: HONGKONG.

10, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong.

Authorized Capital \$10,000,000
Paid-up Capital \$5,000,000
Reserve \$2,000,000

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:—

Batavia, Melbourne, San Francisco,
Bombay, Nagasaki, Seattle,
Calcutta, New York,
Canton, Osaka, Semarang,
Hankow, Peking, Singapore,
Hoholui, Penang, Taipei,
Kobe, Rangoon, Tientsin,
London, Saigon, Tokyo,
Manila, Shanghai.Correspondents in all principal cities
of the world.Every description of Banking and
Exchange business transacted. Loans
granted on approved securities.

SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES TO LET.

K. N. TONG, Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 21st March, 1927.

composite tariff offices in this
country. This particular company
has extensively advertised by book-
let and through the medium of the
Press, the former embodying a re-
ply-card, the latter in many cases,
a key-inquiry form. The amount
of definite inquiries which were
produced, and which resulted in
completed business, showed some-
what poor figures, but it was con-
sidered that the publicity obtained
through the consistency of the ad-
vertising had been a very definite
factor in increasing the company's
premium income. It was felt, in
spite of the smallness of the tan-
gible results which appeared on
paper, that there was certainly
something to be said in favour of
insurance advertising.

Helping The Agency Staff.

One of the most consistent ad-
vertisers amongst our non-tariff
offices—the Co-operative Insurance
Society, Ltd.—can, I understand,
prove to its own entire satisfac-
tion that its advertising in
specialised Press mediums has
been successful in influencing a
very respectable volume of direct
business, as well as being of con-
siderable help to the agency staff.In a discussion of this nature
one's thoughts turn naturally to
the United States of America from
which, in publicity matters, this
country has learnt so much, the
land in which statistics prove that
the greatest progress towards the

insurance ideal has been made.

We find that the most successful
United States fire companies are
undoubtedly serious advertisers.
The ten which had the largest fire
premium income in 1925 showed
well over a quarter of a million
pounds spent on advertising in
that year. The Hartford Insur-
ance group, which have been the
largest advertisers over the five
years embraced by 1921 to 1925,
showed a premium income in 1925
nearly \$5,500,000 greater than in
1910.Some little time ago the "Weekly
Underwriter," the well-known
American insurance publication,
attempted to answer the question
"Does advertising pay in Fire In-
surance?" After carefully analysing
the results of forty groups and
of fourteen companies operating
individually, the conclusion was
reached that unquestionably adver-
tising pays. Those companies
which had well-organised advertis-
ing departments, and which showed
close co-operation with their
field forces, were producing great-
er results in a much larger way
than were those companies which
operated without the aid of sci-
entific publicity methods.One or two examples may prove
interesting, for instance, the In-
surance Company of North Ameri-
ca for the past four years has
through its Press advertisements
(Continued on Page 3)

HONG KONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been
obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting
Machine, which includes 40 components
for the better prediction of tides, from
the result of the analysis of the tidal
observations, taken at the Kaulung
tidal observatory under the direction
of Dr. Dohereck during the years 1887,
1888 and 1889.The times and heights are given for
Kaulung; but they may be used for
the Victoria Naval Yard and Aber-
deen, the differences being very small.The times of high and low water
must not be considered to coincide
with the times of slack-water and
change of current, the two phenomena
being quite distinct.

April 20 to 26, 1928.

DATE HIGH WATER LOW WATER

April 20 9 54 6.3 3 15 1.7

Sat. 21 9 54 6.3 3 15 1.7

Sun. 22 11 54 6.3 3 15 1.7

Mon. 23 11 54 6.3 3 15 1.7

Tue. 24 11 54 6.3 3 15 1.7

Wed. 25 11 54 6.3 3 15 1.7

Thurs. 26 11 54 6.3 3 15 1.7

Fri. 27 11 54 6.3 3 15 1.7

Sat. 28 11 54 6.3 3 15 1.7

Sun. 29 11 54 6.3 3 15 1.7

Mon. 30 11 54 6.3 3 15 1.7

Tue. 1 11 54 6.3 3 15 1.7

Wed. 2 11 54 6.3 3 15 1.7

Thurs. 3 11 54 6.3 3 15 1.7

Fri.

Phone C. 22 FOR CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

Twenty-five Words three insertions prepaid \$1. Every additional word four cents for three insertions.

TO LET.

TO LET.—FURNISHED ROOMS. single or double, with board. Modern sanitation. Apply No. 11, Chatham Road, Kowloon.

TO LET.—Fully furnished two-roomed flat in desirable part of Nathan Road, modern conveniences, reasonable rental. Apply Box No. 542, c/o "China Mail."

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.—New Orthophone Cabinet excellent tone. Can play eight records at one winding. Price only \$150. Apply Box No. 541 c/o "China Mail."

TUITION GIVEN.

MME. BARONELLI, ARTISTE. School of dancing for children and adults in character, classical, exhibition, fox-trot and Charleston. Special Attention to stout Ladies who are desirous of regaining their youthful figure. Address—31, Ashley Road, Ground Floor, Kowloon. (Back of Star Theatre).

MISCELLANEOUS

YOUR VISITING CARDS neatly and promptly printed.—"China Mail" Office, No. 3a, Wyndham St., Telephone Central 22.

HOME TUITION.

WESTOVER — STEVENAGE. Within an hour from London. In healthy neighbourhood. SCHOOL for GIRLS and SMALL BOYS. A few Boarders received in the House of the Principal. Individual care and attention. For Particulars apply to:

MISS RUTH CULLEY
(Camb. Higher Local).
(Camb. Teachers' Diploma).
MISS GERTRUDE TURNER
(National Froebel Higher Certificate).

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

THE EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRALASIA & CHINA TELEGRAPH CO., LTD.

The following Unclaimed Telegrams are lying in the E. E. Telegraph Co. office, Hong Kong:—

George Chen, Kremlin, from Macao.
Harloe, King Edward Hotel, from Shanghai.

Danglade, Ore Dickson, Merchant, from Alexandria.
Miss Yui, Box 373, from London.
Lobo, Hotel Savoy, from Macao.
Francis Greene, from London.
Rajawalkhan, Havelkar No. 25, Military Police, from Quetta.
Rose Lau, from Saigon.
Mrs. Lo Yuk-shan, 33, Cheong On-str., Kowloon City, from Shanghai.

E. A. LEGGATT,
Superintendent.
Hong Kong, 20th April, 1928.

NOTICES.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE FIFTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Pedder Street, on **TUESDAY, 24th April, 1928**, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The **TRANSFER BOOKS** of the Company will be **CLOSED** from 17th to 24th April, 1928, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Agents.
Hong Kong, 12th April, 1928.

HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Members will be held on **TUESDAY, 24th April, 1928**, at 4 p.m. in the CITY HALL, for the following purposes:—

- (1) To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the Year ended 31st December, 1927.
- (2) To elect a new Committee.
- (3) To transact any General Business.

By Order,
M. F. KEY,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 17th April, 1928.

LAMMERT BROS.

AUCTIONEERS, APPRAISERS AND SURVEYORS.

—Public Auctions—

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

ON **THURSDAY, the 26th April, 1928,** commencing at 2.30 p.m.

at their Sales Room, Duddell Street. **A VALUABLE COLLECTION OF CURIOS.**

Comprising:—
Porcelain Vases, Jars, Bowls and Plates of Ancient Dynasties, Old Bamboo Ware, Jade Articles, Ivory Figures, Crystal Lions, Amber Beads, Agate, Bronze, Lacquer and Soap Stone Ware, Mandarin Coats, and Skirts, Old Embroideries, and Blackwood Tables, Chairs, and Cabinets, etc., etc.

On View from Wednesday, the 25th April, 1928.

Catalogues will be issued.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.
LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hong Kong, 21st April, 1928.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

ON **FRIDAY, the 27th April, 1928,** commencing at 2.45 p.m., at No. 42, Humphreys Buildings, Kowloon.

A Quantity of **VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.**

Comprising:—
Heavy Teak Chairs, Tables, Writing Desk, Dining Tables, Sideboard with Bevelled Mirror (by Lane Crawford, Ltd.), Dinner Wagon, Wardrobes with Bevelled Mirrors, Bedstead with Simmons' Mattresses, Dressing Tables, etc., etc.
(Further Particulars from Catalogue).

On View on Day of Sale, from 10 a.m.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.
LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hong Kong, 21st April, 1928.

NOTICES.

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.

LAYING OF FOUNDATION STONE by H.E. the GOVERNOR at Stanley Peninsula on **FRIDAY, April 27.**

2.15 p.m. H.K. Hotel Buses and Cars leave Blake Pier (Fare \$1 for double journey).

3.30 p.m. Stone-laying by H.E. The Governor.

4.00 p.m. Tea on the site.

4.15 p.m. First bus returns to Hong Kong.

The Band of the Queen's Regiment by the kindness of Col. Boyd and Officers, will play before and after the Ceremony.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and **ENTRY FORMS** for the **FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING** to be held on **SATURDAY, 5th May, 1928** (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hong Kong Club, and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries will **CLOSE** at 6 p.m. on **FRIDAY, 27th April, 1928.**
Hong Kong, 21st April, 1928.

THE SOUTH CHINA COMMAND.

INTER-UNIT ATHLETIC MEETING will be held at Sookumpoo on **TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, April 24th and 25th, 1928.**

Admission Free. Teas supplied by Lane, Crawford, Ltd., are obtainable on the ground.

Price:—60 Cents.

The Band of the 2nd Bn. The King's Own Scottish Borderers, by kind permission of Lieutenant Colonel L. J. Comyn, C.M.G., D.S.O., and the Officers, 2nd Bn. The King's Own Scottish Borderers, will play during the Afternoon of the 25th.

Hong Kong, 23rd April, 1928.

THE COMACRIB DIRECTORY OF CHINA

A Few Extra Copies CAN BE HAD AT

THE EXCELSIOR CO.,

15, d'Agular St.

AND AT THE

COMMERCIAL PRESS,

37, Queen's Road C.

Price - - \$10.00.

ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER IN STOCK.

LADIES!

WHY SHOULD YOU BE EMBARRASSED BY PIMPLES.

Pimples and all skin diseases are easily cured by Poo On Chinese Herb treatment.

POO ON CHINESE HERBS CO.

66, Queen's Road Central.

"DUD" CHEQUES.

SIX CHARGES OF FALSE PRETENCES.

"You are an extremely dangerous person going about and posing as if you were well off, and scattering 'dud' cheques in every direction to pay for clothes and goods you ordered."

This remark was made by Mr. Bingley at West London Police-court to Nicholas Ravenell, 22, described as a company director, and giving an address at Half-Moon-street, W., who pleaded guilty to six charges of obtaining goods to the value of £140 by false pretences.

Mr. J. A. Morley appeared for John Barker and Co., one of the many firms prosecuting. He said that Ravenell not only obtained a complete outfit of clothes to the value of £77 by presenting a cheque, which was dishonoured, but tried to procure furniture, bedding, etc., to the value of £143 with another cheque.

In another case, said Mr. Morley, Ravenell made the acquaintance of Miss Dorothy Long, a dancing instructor, of Baron's-court-road, West Kensington, from whom he stole a cheque-book, and whose confidence he obtained by pretending that he had taken the lease of Pembroke Hall, Kensington, as a dancing hall, and would engage her as instructor.

Det-sergeant Coleman handed to Mr. Bingley a list of previous convictions, from which it appeared that in 1925 Ravenell was sentenced to twelve months' hard labour at Acton, and nine months' hard labour at the County of London Sessions in May last year.

Twelve months' hard labour.

PUBLICITY POWER.

(Continued from Page 2)

shown the public the importance of fire prevention methods. The campaign has proved to be a valuable contribution in impressing individual responsibilities in combating the national fire danger. A very low loss ratio has been enjoyed by the company in comparison with other offices. In giving due credit to the Press campaign, and to the agents who connected up the advertisements with fire prevention service, the company feels it is entitled to its opinion that anything that contributes to a reduced loss ratio most certainly pays. An outcome of the national advertising of this company—and other leading United States fire companies for that matter—is that their representation is found to be more desired by the best type of local agents.

The Aetna Casualty and Life Companies, up to 1919, included a coupon in each advertisement. In five years nearly 100,000 coupons asking for insurance information were received by the company, and about \$150,000 in premiums were directly traceable, quite apart from considerable indirect results. Present-day "Aetna" publicity relies entirely upon the general value of advertising to make the company's name better known and its protection all the more acceptable, and the results are satisfactory. The company is convinced that part, at least, of its progress is due to the maintenance of a consistent policy of advertising.

The year 1927 for the Standard Accident Insurance Company of Detroit promises to be the greatest in its history, part of which success is attributed to an increasing use of advertising. The last five years have shown the largest progress made by this company, and this period coincides with the organisation of its advertising on scientific and consistent lines.

Turning to the life assurance side of the question, it is worth while recalling the words of Sir Joseph Burn at the International Congress of Actuaries held in London last year, when he said:—

"In America our colleagues have gone a long way in creating an atmosphere favourable to insurance. . . . Their more general adoption of collective advertising appears to be a direct outcome of their endeavour to teach the underlying principles of insurance. They appear to have come to the wise conclusion that it is wasteful and foolish for each company to try to impress upon the public that it alone is worthy of consideration, when by combining they can so much more effectively and truthfully advertise that they all supply what everyone needs and what everyone will have in increasing volume as its necessity is more and more clearly recognised. The growth of all branches of insurance business, particularly life insurance, in both the United States of America and Canada is truly amazing."

The figures Sir Joseph Burn quoted showed that three decades ago the amount of life assurance per head in the United States and this country was virtually the same; to-day the American carries about three times as much as the Briton, a difference due to the better educational and publicity methods of our American friends. In fact, according to the figures of Mr. William Penman, F.I.A., actuary of the Atlas Assurance Company, the population in this country is carrying somewhat less life insurance now than it did in 1912, the average round figures quoted per policy being \$205 in 1912 as against \$189 in 1925. Yet life insurance is an article still obtainable at pre-war price, subject to a larger income tax rebate, paid for with money worth much less than in pre-war days!

When we look at the new life business figures for 1926, detailed in the "Insurance Shareholders' Guide," we find that five companies, four of these Colonial, lead with world-wide sums assured exceeding in each case \$10,000,000. It must be noted that these companies are the big five which are really consistent insurance advertisers. As four of these companies are Colonial, would it not seem that the attitude of advertising of most British life offices is of advantage to their Colonial colleagues who find it possible to start operations over here and to grow a United Kingdom branch into the size of a whole good, old home office?

I should like to quote an interesting extract from a letter which Mr. E. Wm. Phillips, F.I.A., manager in this country for the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company of Canada has sent to me:—

In 1925," he says, "I commenced in a small way to advertise the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company of Canada, a company which for all practical purposes was unknown in this country. As far as possible the advertising, which has continued for a number of companies, was concentrated as much

as possible in London and one or two other centres where branches have been established. It is no secret that this company employs whole-time representatives dealing direct with the members of the public, and during the early part of 1926 these representatives were continually met by the statement, 'I have never heard of your company.' At the beginning of 1927 it was already manifest to these representatives that this statement was being made very much less frequently. At the present time it is hardly ever made in those districts where the advertising has been most intense."

A Concrete Example.

I suppose there are few among us that have not read the advertisements of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada. If any one in the insurance profession in this country should know whether it pays to advertise, surely it should be Mr. J. F. Junkin, the general manager of the company. This is what he says:

"We have advertised regularly and consistently in Great Britain for 19 years and have had such excellent results that my advertising appropriation for this field has been increased almost every year during that period."

"For the last 15 years we have kept a strict account of all the business which can be definitely traced to advertising, and find that the saving in commission on such business amounts annually to a sum at least equal to that spent in advertising, so that on actual balance it costs us nothing."

"I attribute our success in this respect to the fact that we endeavour to give information about insurance that is really of interest and use to our readers. That is, we endeavour to render them a service which they seem to appreciate. For the last few years about 25 per cent. of our new business is directly traceable to advertising."

"1927, in every way, has been the most successful year we have had. In other words, I attribute this to the fact that we are more and more feeling the benefit of accumulative publicity."

"We believe that the principal reason why there is not a larger volume of new business written annually in this country is that the public are not sufficiently educated to the many advantages of life insurance and we firmly believe that if each of our competitors spent as much in publicity as we do ourselves, we should find it easy to write a much larger volume of business, and that each of our competitors would have the same experience. We believe the field to be cultivated only to a very small fraction of its possible fertility."

Such an eloquent tribute to the value of advertising, from the company that has been for many years the most consistent insurance advertiser in this country, speaks for itself.

Making Insurance Benefits Known.

In the United States there are numerous examples in which the promotion of life insurance has been aided by advertising. We find the life companies are amongst the heaviest advertisers in the land, and in the matter of "copy" their skill ranks as second to none in that country of good advertising.

The Prudential Insurance Company of America commenced advertising extensively from 1896 and three years later, in 1899, it was able to announce that it had written more new business in the one year than any other life office in the world. This company has had continuous advertising campaigns since 1896, and for many years has held first place in industrial or weekly payment insurance issued. Combining industrial and ordinary, the Prudential of America leads in production all life companies but one. Its record is 30 million policies in force on 20 million lives, with insurance amounting to over ten billion dollars, and in securing this tremendous amount of insurance, advertising has undoubtedly been a factor of no inconsiderable value. Under these circumstances the company firmly believes that "it pays to advertise."

Though I could quote numerous other examples, I think I have given sufficient to show what advertising is doing for insurance in the United States, where it has definitely placed as an essential part of a salesmanship. The mere fact that an association has been formed embracing advertising managers of insurance companies, with a membership of nearly 300, and each year is attended conferences that advertising insurance has come to stay and is considered a paying investment in the United States.

The co-operative advertising campaign carried out by the life insurance companies in Canada originated by the field men, has started on its seventh successive year of operation, greatly increased its scope. At the outset there were a number of companies who doubted the value of the scheme,

PARTNERS I LIKE.

WOMAN DANCER EXPRESSES AN OPINION.

AN IDEAL PARTNER.

The dance partner is out of fashion.

Seasonal partners were really useful when dancing was new and intricate and when few men danced well is the opinion of a woman dancer as expressed in an exchange. I had one, she continues. I wasn't in love with him; but he had a repertoire of steps as large as mine, we suited one another's dance style, and so we partnered.

To-day, however, it is likely to be a kindly said of a girl who turns up to two or three dances running with the same man, and all the time with him, "Ah, poor Jill, she finds it so difficult to attract men. . . ."

I don't mind these days, when my partner is unusually attractive, whether he mistakes a tango for a peculiar sort of waltz, or robs me of my favourite Charleston with a mumbled apology about "not being up to these new steps."

On the other hand, if a man is one of those perfect dancers in whose arms one begins to understand what the poetry of motion really means, his personality scarcely counts. This explains the feminine tolerance of professional dancing partners which so puzzles, and shocks, our menfolk.

The Ideal.

Still, I can define my ideal partner. He is the man who is lean, attractive without necessarily being handsome, smooth in motion, intent upon me when he is weaving through the throng, cool, and leisurely.

He must not be a stunter, but at the same time he must not be one of those complacent males who go round on two steps tirelessly repeated. You know the type—"Oh, I don't know any steps; I just walk round, ha, ha!"

But while he must be excellent in a quiet way, he must not be polished and perfect in the professional style, because that spoils the essential subtle illusion which makes him the ideal partner—the underlying suggestion that his dancing is only one facet and not the sum total of his personality and accomplishments.

but to-day they are amongst its staunchest supporters.

The campaign has been highly successful throughout, and the progress of life insurance in Canada is made evident by the following figures compiled by Mr. J. H. Castle Graham, of the "London Life" in Canada. In 1900 the amount of business written was less than 70,000,000 dollars. In 1926 it was considerably over 700,000,000 dollars. In 1900 the amount of insurance in force was less than 450,000,000 dollars—slightly more than 50 per cent. of the 1926 figures—and at the end of 1926 it was more than 4,500,000,000 dollars.

The latest statistics indicate that new life business in Canada for the twelve months ending September 30, 1927, shows an increase of 8 per cent. over the preceding year.

Summary.

In whatever direction we look advertising is found stimulating all kinds of useful endeavour, creating higher standards of living, forming habits of thrift, promoting the cause of health, the protection of life, and the spread of education.

But what of insurance? In the march of progress brilliant new schemes and forms of protection are continually being evolved by underwriters, but the public in most cases are allowed to find out these developments for themselves, or else they are converted to the idea one by one by word of mouth, the method adopted by our forefathers.

Comparatively speaking, there is really a very limited conception of the benefits afforded by insurance, the full significance of which has not yet penetrated the generality of the public mind. The need is present, but the demand in proper volume has not been created.

Is it creditable to existing methods in this country that we should as a nation be so under-insured as regards life insurance that in 30 years, on a per capita basis, a 500 per cent. increase has been shown in Canada, a 420 per cent. increase in the United States, and but a meagre 8 per cent. increase in Great Britain?

In the interests of the welfare of the community is it not right and fitting that insurance companies should endeavour by individual, or by a scheme of non-competitive collective advertising to educate the public to their insurance needs and to the protection which is available?

There would seem, in my opinion, to be one answer to this question, and in its practical application I venture to think I would find many to endorse my view that "it pays to advertise insurance."

THE EMPIRE KNOWN.

HOME PUBLICITY EFFORTS.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

An official of the Overseas Settlement Department of the Dominions Office, in an interview, discussed suggestions which had been made concerning the problem of Empire settlement.

In the "Daily Telegraph" Mr. E. T. Campbell, M.P., suggested that the establishment of an Empire Publicity Board, on the same lines as the Empire Marketing Board, might prove useful. His letter was followed by one from Mr. Charles Wright, hon. secretary of the British Passengers Agents' Association, at Chester, urging the vital need for educational propaganda, and that means should be found for publicity on board lines.

The official of the Overseas Settlement Department of the Dominions Office pointed out that each of the High Commissioners of the Dominions has a department specially concerned with settlement and the giving of information to prospective settlers, and spends a considerable sum in publicity. The Overseas Settlement Department, he explained, does not itself advertise extensively, in view of what is already being done in other directions; but every opportunity is taken of making known the fact that it is the centre of information. Interviewers who are experienced in the life of each Dominion are constantly in attendance to see inquirers.

The Department works in close association with over thirty voluntary societies, which are in turn centres of information, and are kept supplied with accurate information on the subject and furnished every month with a copy of the department's bulletin, the "Overseas Settler."

There is also, he pointed out, the valuable publicity afforded through the Press. Not only does the Department regularly send to the Press of the United Kingdom information of any fresh developments in overseas settlement work, but it issues a series of pamphlets and handbooks, from which those contemplating settlement in the Dominions may find accurate and unbiased information. These are issued free, and are now being widely circulated throughout the kingdom. "I should like to acknowledge," said the official "the great help which the Press affords us in presenting news concerning the Empire and overseas settlement to the public."

Another means of publicity is the organisation of lectures, meetings, and cinema shows throughout the country, with the object of creating local interest and giving a realistic picture of life in the Dominions. These lectures have been extended to the military commands, and soldiers, before leaving the Colours, have an opportunity of considering the question of settlement in the Dominions.

A further line of activity is an endeavour to make known to boys and girls of school age the opportunities offered to them by a future career overseas. The Department realises that it would be to the highest degree undesirable to attempt to use either the teachers or the schools for propaganda purposes; but it was agreed amongst educationalists themselves that it was very desirable the fullest information should be available in the schools as to the various possibilities open to children for their after careers.

As a result of discussions with representatives of the principal educational bodies in the country, efforts will be made to make available to the teachers, and through them to the children, reliable and up-to-date information as to the prospects in other parts of the facilities offered by the Government or by other organisations, which would enable our boys and girls to grasp those opportunities.

"In doing this," said the official, "I must again emphasise the fact that we have no idea of introducing propaganda to the schools. It is simply a matter of making known, in the interests of the children themselves, the possibilities of which might otherwise not receive sufficient consideration."

STANDARD TIME.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong during April, 1928, standard time for the 120th meridian, East of Greenwich, is as follows:—

	Sunrise.	Sunset.
	a.m.	p.m.
23rd	5.57	6.47
24th	5.57	6.47
25th	5.56	6.47
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TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S RETURN.

Patricola (3,463) British, from Singapore — A.P.C. — 7,755 tons kerosine for Hong Kong.

Hatepara (4,893) British, from Calcutta, Singapore — McMackenzie — 3,177 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Hang Sang (1,366) British, from Swatow — J. M. & Co. — 10 passengers, 532 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,141 tons general through.

Hydrangea (561) British, from Swatow — Chui On Co. — 310 passengers, 103 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Kanchow (1,222) British, from Canton — B. & S. — cargo nil.

Sochoo (1,594) British, from Canton — B. & S. — 148 passengers, 150 tons general cargo through.

Hong Hwa (1,924) British, from Singapore — Ho Thong — 664 passengers, 200 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,700 tons (through).

Tonjer (1,949) Norwegian, from Chinwangtao — Doddwell & Co. — 1,700 tons coal for Hong Kong, 3,000 tons coal (through).

Tjitaroom (3,654) Dutch, from Dairen, Amoy — J.C.J.L. — 260 passengers, 3,500 tons general (through).

Tak Hing (105) Chinese, from Autow — Fook Hai Co. — 32 passengers, 108 tons general (through).

Sun Kong (322) Chinese, from K. C. Wan — Man Yick — 300 tons general cargo.

Chung On (160) Chinese, from Shanmei — Hong Hing Co. — 150 passengers, 7 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Departures.
For Swatow — Waishing, Hozan Maru, Kaigan, Kanchow, Sanderkan.

For Whampoa — Tonjer.
For Canton — Hang Sang.

For Takao — Katsuragisan Maru.
For Hoihow — New Mathilde.

For Iloilo — Shanai.
For Manila — President Harrison.

For Taioing Bay — Milke Maru.
For Sama Bay — Aizawa Maru No. 24.

Clearances.
For Hoihow — Hermond.
For Hongay — Hung On.

Shipping Abstract.

Arrivals Departures

British 7 3
Norwegian 1 1
Dutch 1 1
Chinese 4 4
Japanese 0 4
American 0 1

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A Chinese first class passenger committed suicide yesterday by jumping into the harbour from a Yaumati ferry launch. The launch was promptly stopped and a search made but the man was not seen again. On a seat in the launch were found a small parcel containing a pocket book, a whistle, and two cents. Beside the parcel were the suicide's black felt hat and a pair of shoes.

MARINE COURT.

A FEW MINOR CASES.

COXSAIN FINED.

At the Marine Court this morning three cases were heard before Commr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., Marine Magistrate.

A luggage-boy charged with boarding the s.s. "Frea Harrison" without a permission on the 21st inst. As the gangway was down at the time of the accused went aboard, accused was discharged.

For failing to observe the rules of the road and pleading guilty, the coxswain of the s.s. "Hsin Wan," was fined \$25, with the usual alternative.

Three masters of motor boats were charged for obstruction by mooring along side the Queen's Pier longer than the time allowed. All pleaded guilty, and were fined \$10 each, with the alternative of 10 days' hard labour.

PASSENGER LIST.

DEPARTURES.

Passengers from Hong Kong per s.s. "Suwa Maru" for London via ports on April 21—

Mrs. C. Montague Edo, Master S. E. Rotherham, Mr. M. Yonekubo, Mrs. Y. Nakanishi, Master Nakanishi, Mr. K. Kawarada, Rev. G. A. Bridle, Mr. and Mrs. W. Gater, Mr. T. Nishikawa, Mr. J. Yoshino, Mr. S. Yorioka, Miss F. P. Pearl, Mr. S. Asano, Miss B. Dalaney, Mr. James Park, Mrs. Vander Stegen, Mr. and Mrs. T. Tanaka, Mr. H. Ikushima, Mr. S. Mori, Mrs. I. Mackenzie, Miss H. Mackenzie, Mr. T. Terao, Mr. K. Sawada, Mr. and Mrs. A. MacIntyre, Mr. J. Herbert Vose, Mr. N. Hasegawa, Master R. Mehta, Miss E. Mehta, Miss M. Mehta, Mr. R. Masaki, Mr. F. Murakami, Mr. J. Asakura, Mrs. T. Asakura, Miss M. C. Dunston, Miss E. Starkey, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Lasserre, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Mehta, Mr. R. Ponsenby, Mr. K. Tawada, Mr. M. Miyoshi, Mr. Z. Itani, Mrs. T. Itani, Mr. S. Ozaki, Mrs. K. Ozaki, Mr. S. J. Ford, Mr. S. R. Shields, Master W. T. Train, Mr. F. C. MacAllister, Mr. Lai Nyen-fong, Mr. R. Shimada, Mr. K. Mural, Mr. T. Yamauchi, Mr. and Mrs. H. Jasper Cox, Mr. K. T. Takuma, Mr. S. Iwatsu, Mr. K. Satoh, Mr. C. Kusaba, Mr. P. S. Wong, Mr. I. Shinbo, Mr. T. Kuwana, Mr. I. Suganami, Mr. S. Terada, Mr. T. Satoh, Mr. S. Ishii, Mr. K. Nagano, Mr. T. Miyajima, Mrs. Miyajima, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cushi, Mr. M. Yamashita, Mr. H. Yuda, Mr. S. Kichizaka, Mr. I. Fujino, Mr. K. Ohnishi, Mr. J. Asari, Mr. T. Imada, Mr. N. Masukata, Mr. J. Harada, Mr. T. Hasegawa, Mr. R. Shimokawabe, Mr. J. Harada, Mr. I. Hirayama, Mr. T. Tokonami, Mr. N. Hayashi, Mr. K. T. Woo, Mr. Li Pak-ku, Mr. N. Sasaki, Mr. Y. Sakabe, Mr. T. Takashima, Mrs. E. S. Laurence, Miss M. B. Mulvey, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Coxall, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Lovelock, Mr. N. Kutch, Mr. S. Okuda, Mrs. K. Yoda, Master Yoda, Miss Yoda, Mr. F. D. Mulvey, Mr. Shirvington, Rev. Father J. Ferly, Mr. W. F. Nabbs, Mr. G. Flynn, Rev. David Nelson, Mr. P. A. Pritchard, Mr. Henry Mitchell, Mr. K. T. Shao, Mr. T. Itoh, Mr. A. J. Grimes, Mr. G. L. Boyle, Mr. K. Kudoh, Mr. S. Kamiya, Mr. K. Gotoh, Mrs. S. Gotoh, Mr. T. Oda, Mr. T. Okuda, Mr. A. Kondoh, Mr. R. Nakamura, Mr. N. Ohno, Mr. M. Shimomura, Mr. R. Yamada, Mr. K. Ohtani, Miss L. Burnesh, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Austin, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Henry.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

Warships in port this morning were as follow:—

North wall basin: Verity, Wishart; South wall basin: Bruce, Faulknor, Somme; East wall basin: Moth, Nessus, L8, L27; North arm of Dockyard: Titania, Marazion, Belgol; West wall Dock: Petersfield, Durban, Wildswan; in Dockyard: L15, L19, L20, L23; No. 6 buoy: Berwick; No. 8 buoy: Wolverine, Veteran; No. 9 buoy: Foxglove; No. 11 buoy: Witherington; No. 12 buoy: Iroquois; No. 13 buoy: Wanderer; No. 15 buoy: Ruthenia; No. 25 buoy: Kharki; off fuel jetty: Francol; Kowloon anchorage: Portol.

Foreign warships: — French: Algal (at No. 10 buoy), Vigilante; Portuguese: Patria; American: Pampanaga.

H.M.S. "Cicala," one of the River gunboats, has left Hong Kong for the West River. The U.S.S. "Pampanaga" arrived during the week-end.

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All the work is well advanced and the yard and shops are also being kept busy on general construction and repair work for which they are well equipped.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kashmir" from Hong Kong arrived London on April 21 at 7 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Nagpore" left Shanghai for this port on Friday at 3 p.m. with the mails, and is due here to-morrow at about 6 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Malwa" left Singapore for this port yesterday at 10 a.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here on April 26 at about 8 a.m.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benroch" from Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London, Straits and Philippines is due to arrive here on April 25.

The M.V. "Ramo" (D. & Co.) sailed from Aden on March 26 and is due here on April 26.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Yokohama on April 18 at 3 p.m., left Yokohama on April 19 at noon, and is due at Hong Kong on April 26 in the morning. She will sail for Manila on April 27 at 5 p.m.

The M.V. "Toronto" (D. & Co.) sailed from New York on March 17, and is due in Manila on April 30.

The s.s. "Kendal Castle" (D. & Co.) sailed from New York on March 6, and is due here on May 7.

The Swedish East Asiatic Co. M.V. "Rankine" left Hamburg on April 14 and is due here on or about May 25.

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SANTOS MARU Friday, 26th May.

BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.

HONOLULU MARU Friday, 4th May.

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MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.

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LONDON MARU (from Shanghai) Monday, 30th April.

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LAHORE	5,252	7th May	Milnes, L'don, A'werp, R'dam & H'burg
KASIGAR	9,805	12th May	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull.
KIDDERPORE	5,334	22nd May	Strait, Colombo, Bombay & Karachi.
MALWA	10,953	25th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
ALIPORE	5,252	28th May	Strait, Colombo & Bombay.
JEYPORE	5,318	2nd June	Milnes, L'don, A'werp, R'dam & H'burg
DELTA	8,097	9th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
MIRZAPORE	6,715	13th June	Strait & Bombay.
KANPURA	16,001	23rd June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
NOVARA	6,989	30th June	Marseilles, London, Antwerp, Hull, Rotterdam & Hamburg.
KEYBER	6,114	7th July	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull.
RAWALPINDI	16,019	21st July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
NANKIN	7,058	28th July	Milnes, L'don, A'werp, R'dam & H'burg
KASHMIR	8,985	4th Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
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A book entitled "The Flaw in the Economic System" has certainly
the cardinal merit of topicality,
since it is principally concerned
with the use of gold as the stand-
ard of trade credit values and
economic price levels, a point
which has been sufficiently touched
upon quite recently by the bank-
ers of England in their annual dis-
courses. The work is written by
Mr. J. Taylor Peddie, also the au-
thor of a work called "Capitalism
is Socialism," and it is published
by John Murray at 7. 6d.

It is hardly necessary for Mr.
Peddie to inform his readers that
he is not an orthodox political
economist. A reading of the pre-
sent work leaves one in doubt whe-
ther, in regard to his fundamental
ideas about the so-called "dismal
science," he is a Single Tax man,
a throw-back to ecclesiastical Com-
munism, a utilitarian, or an indivi-
dualist. The positions he takes
could easily be shown to be deriv-
ed in turn from Henry George,
from Bentham, and from those
ethical schools which based their
conceptions of the community—
very properly for ages which pos-
sessed no really organized econo-
mic systems—on church authority.
In the very complicated organism
into which modern existence has
grown, the theories of the old
teachers, with the possible excep-
tion of Bentham, are no longer
workable. The theories of Henry
George, the Single Tax (land)
apostle, would be ideal in a world
newly started; but in the present
world there is no place for his
processes any more than there is
now room for a political economy
based on theocratic notions, or
ideals.

Socialistic Ideals.

There are indications clear
enough in the book that Mr.
Peddie is somewhat influenced by
Socialistic ideals, but of the more
practical kinds; yet modern life,
wherever partisan politics enter,
shows in sufficiency that the only
form of applied socialism or reform
which the people are able to ap-
preciate, or even tolerate, comes
rather from the parties which re-
present so-called vested interests
than from such parties as possess
only theories and are without the
means or the inspiration to carry
those theories into practice. The
old truths remain, and thoroughly
disillusioned by experimentalists of
a dozen schools, who have sought
in turn to impose their political
panaceas on a world weary with
their phrase-making and their
"gestures," masters and men have
at last decided to go into business
on terms of reasoned and reason-
able justice, and settle their old
quarrels. That startling result is
due to no party, but is rather the
legacy of 1914, when masters and
men went into co-operation on
totally different lines, and in total-
ly different fashions.

The outstanding theory of Mr.
Peddie's work is his advocacy of
an alternative to the gold stand-
ard. In his view—and there are
not wanting modern money-market
practitioners who agree with him
to a great extent—the trade bill
can be used instead of gold to sus-
tain the world's trading credit.
He argues that gold being a res-
tricted quantity in the world, trade
credit, based on gold, is perman-
ently limited by the very scarcity
of the precious metal itself, which,
relatively to the production of
commodities required for the
world's use, is by reason of its dis-
proportionate smallness, a handi-
cap to all trading conducted by
bills of exchange, the values of
which are calculated on the amount
of gold backing available in the
centres issuing such bills.

Britain, he says in effect, is to-
day unable to obtain the full credit
to which her great trading com-
mitments entitle her, and the
corollary to this is that, even if
Britain possessed the accumula-
tions of gold, which the U.S.A. now
possesses, she would still be trad-
ing below her potential strength,
and largely because of the high
prices she has to pay for the bene-
fits of credit which is based on an
inadequate world supply of gold.
If, he argues, the trade bill were
accepted universally as the basis
of credit, there would be no limit
to productiveness, as there is at
present, in such a way as to cause
cycles of industrial depression,
with their sequence of troubles
like unemployment and famine,
when production is inadequate, or
else where the products of labour
are "cornered" for a rise in prices.

Temptation to Speculate.

Gold, he holds, introduces the
speculative element, and the less
there is of the standard of value
(i.e. gold) the greater is the tem-
ptation to speculate for the acqui-
sition of it. If, on the other hand, trade
bills formed the true and accept-
ed basis of trade credit, the trade
capital role which he now suggests
countries would be adjusted in
what there was of gold in the

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world, so enabling each country to
accumulate gold stocks in propor-
tion to its trade commitments, whe-
ther actual or estimated for the
future; but such accumulations
would not be "reserves of gold" as
the nations understand the term
to-day; they would be held solely
for adjusting the differences of
trading accounts between the coun-
tries engaged in exporting and im-
porting commodities. A world
Central Bank would be the arbi-
ter for the distribution of super-
fluous gold balances at individual
centres.

It would seem that the validity
of this contention could be point-
ed by the fact that Britain's trade-
credit position—so far as the trade-
bill provides an index—has remain-
ed practically unimpaired during
the years in which her gold ac-
cumulations were just sufficient to
meet the trade balances as be-
tween the countries. Has not
Mr. F. C. Goodenough just
told us that Britain's credit
was never higher? At the same
time America, with half the world's
gold in her Federal coffers, has
been losing heavily in international
trade, and is now endeavouring to
win that trade back by assisting
other countries to produce, and so
to trade with her.

Demand and Supply.

It is difficult to follow Mr.
Peddie when he denies the logic of
the theory of "demand and sup-
ply" without affording us a glimpse
of what he proposes to substitute
for it as an explanation going to
show why, for instance, some busi-
ness fail and others succeed. His
view is in keeping, however, with
his other theory that over-produc-
tion—which, he says, can be re-
gulated—should be the policy of
the community, since it would re-
move the temptations that arise
out of the dangers of speculation
lying in under-production; this he
takes to be the chief cause of un-
employment. Ideas of this nature
cruise pretty near to the socialist
coast, if they are not part and
parcel of Socialism itself, seeing
that they imply a form of
"paternalist" community in which
the lenders have only to wave a
magic wand in order to provide
work and bread, no matter what
the conditions of demand and sup-
ply.

It can be admitted that Mr.
Peddie has made some good sug-
gestions, as in his plea for bank-
ing reform, which urges primarily
a reform of the Bank Charter Act
Also in a good enough tentative
proposal for the establishment of
credit on a more liquid and effec-
tive basis than gold as stated; in
the opinion of some good judges
the trade bill will yet play the
capital role which he now suggests
it should play. It must also be
admitted, however, that Mr. Peddie



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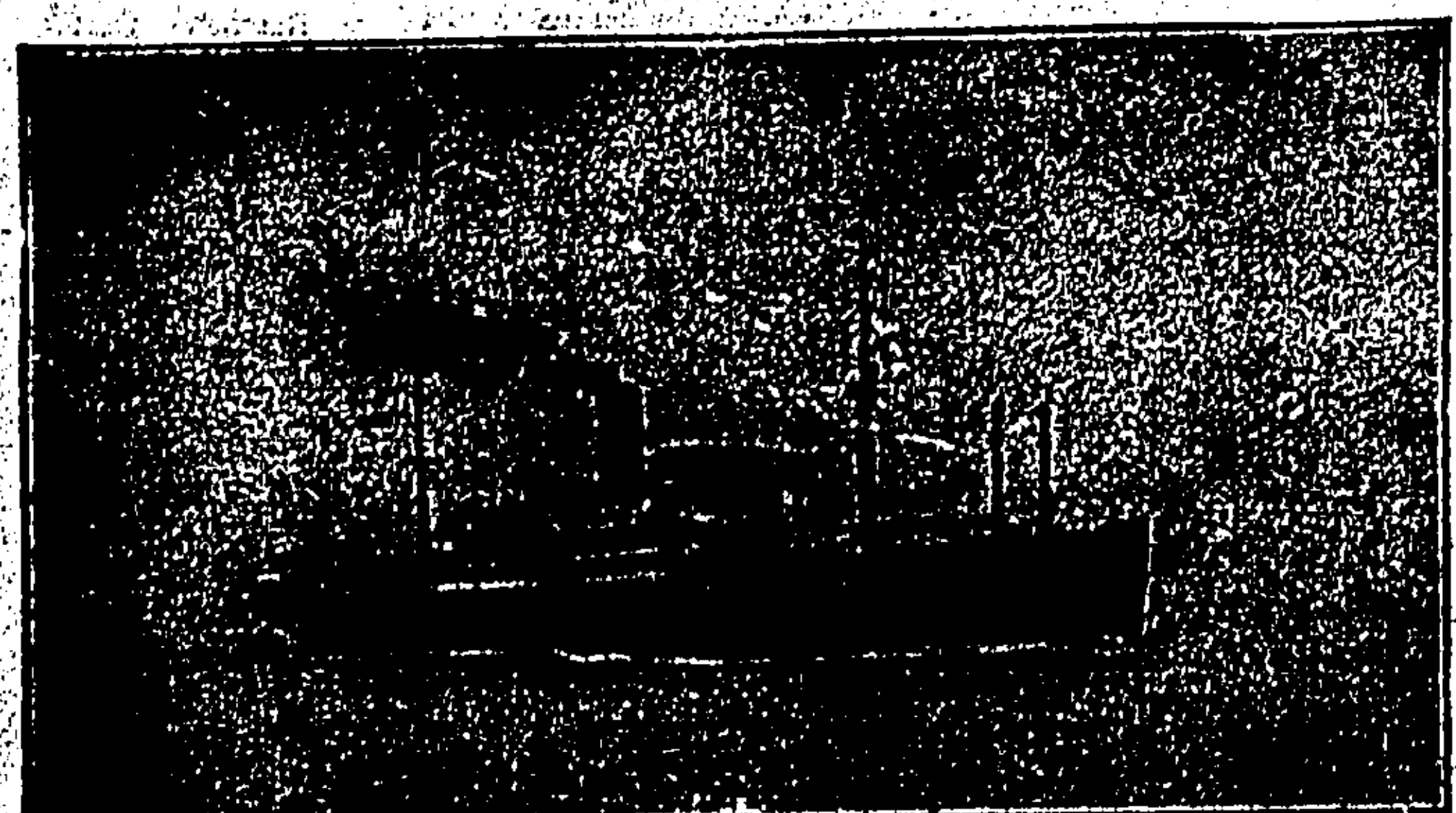
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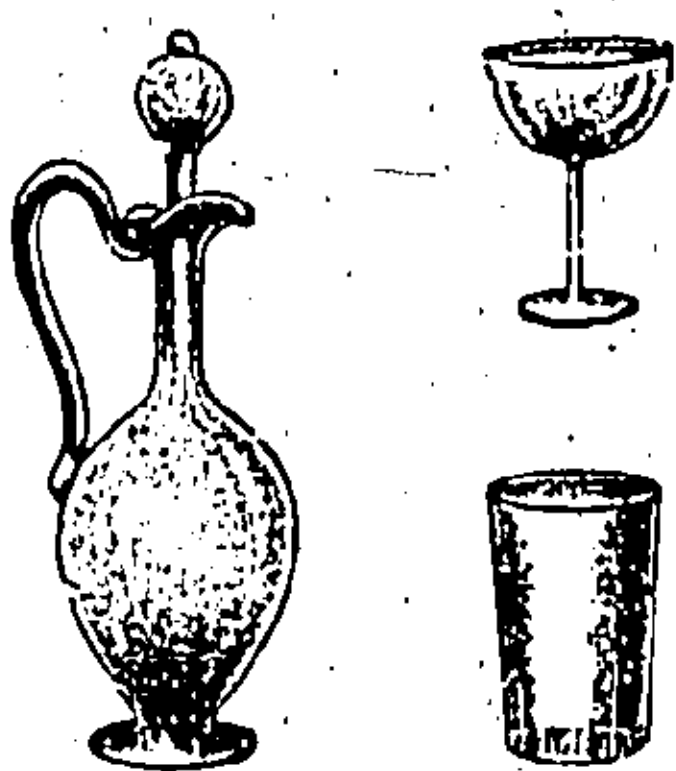
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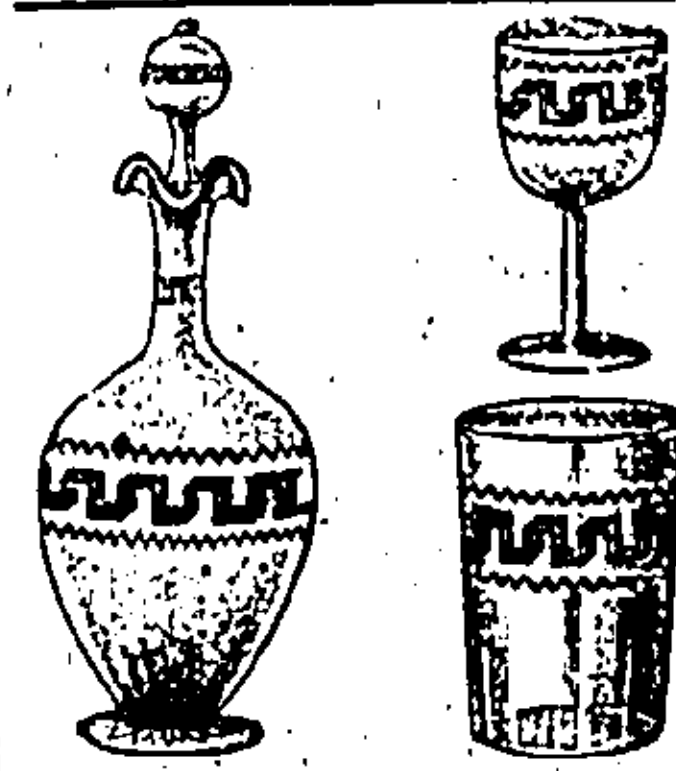
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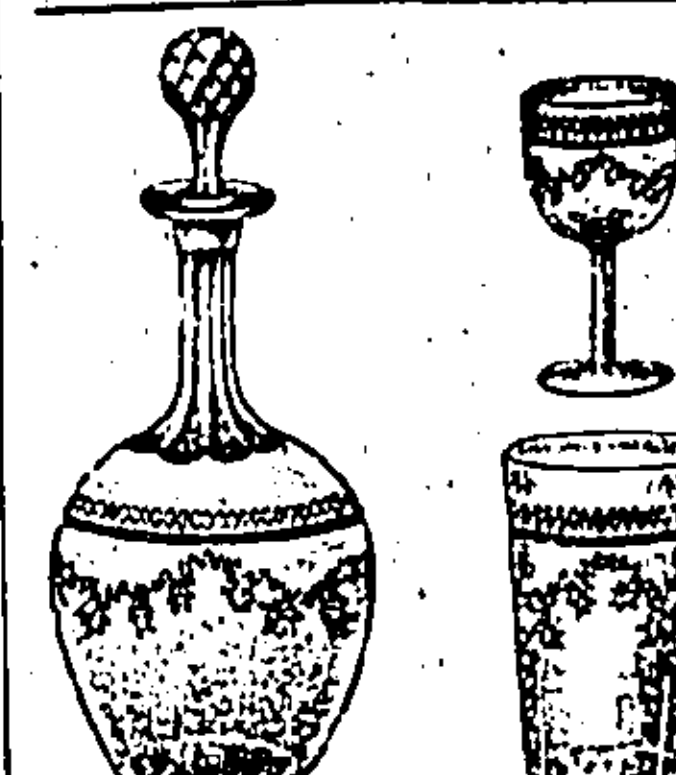
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HARRIS.—On March 13, at "Beaulieu," Kingsway, Hove, to the wife of Richard Vittorio Harris, of Hong Kong, a daughter.

RICKEARD.—On March 18, to Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rickard, of 10, Queen's-gate, Plymouth, and Kedah, Malaya, a son.

GOLDEN WEDDING.

BISHOP-LOWE.—At Fowwellbank, Auchterarder, on March 21, 1878, by Rev. A. Robertson, F. C. Woodside, Burrelton, Fred. Clark Bishop, Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China, to Isabella Cecilia, second daughter of Dr. Robert Lowe, Comptroller of the Customs, Comptroller of the Customs, Angus.

DEATHS.

CARRITT.—On March 17, suddenly, from pneumonia, Hugh Blason Carritt, of Lloyd, Maitland, and Carritt, 18, Sloane-gardens, London, eldest son of the late Mr. Thomas Carritt and Mrs. Carritt.

EDE.—On March 14, at her residence, Oakhurst, Netley Abbey, Hants, Laura Annie Ede, widow of N. J. Ede (formerly of Hong Kong).

MALET.—On March 14, Margaret Louisa Waller, wife of Arnold H. Malet, Straits Settlements.

KESSLER.—On Monday, April 16, 1928, at her residence, 61 Avenue Duball, Shanghai, Christa Kessler, aged 33, beloved wife of Dr. Adolf Kessler.

Hong Kong, Monday, April 23, 1928.

SAINT GEORGE'S DAY.

For a people so practical as the English, it may seem somewhat incongruous that they should still

have a Patron Saint. And that they still have such a patron—Saint George of Merrie England—indicates that the English people are something more than merely practical. With all their love of the practical, all their directness, their apparently phlegmatic manner, the English people at heart are really emotional. But their emotions do not express weak sentimentality; for it is almost exclusively confined to one subject, namely to a deep and abiding love of country. Patriotism is surely one of the noblest characteristics and must continue to be so while the world continues to be as it is. In the wonderful utopia of the far-off future promised by the Socialists there will be such a jolly family feeling pervading the whole universe that patriotism will be mere parochialism, a thing to be despised and lamented as a miserable weakness of our ancestors. That time, however, is not yet, and while the world is what it is, has been for a very long time and is likely to remain much the same for even a longer time to come, Englishmen will be right in thinking that patriotism is a virtue and an emotion well worth cherishing. Therefore, if the sound common-sense of Englishmen causes them to believe both in patriotism and in a Patron Saint, doubtless Englishmen are acting on the right lines.

In celebrating their Patron Saint Englishmen are well aware that they are celebrating their country, and for what their country stands. Saint George is little more than a mere figure in the minds of Englishmen, and we are inclined to believe that very few Englishmen have ever known anything really accurate about the Saint—for the very good reason that practically nothing is known of him. It suffices that he is "Saint George of England" and that he personifies the great and glorious traditions of the race. No pusillanimous individual was Saint George, for evidently he was a doer of doughty deeds, a man of courage and resource, for had he not been so how could he have slain so wily and terrible a beast as a dragon? His heroism appears to have been known far beyond the confines of England for he is to-day not only England's Patron Saint; he is or was also the Patron Saint of the valiant sailors who sail the Adriatic. Surely nothing could be more appropriate than that Englishmen should find

much to admire in one who so much appeals to sailors, for upon the seas of every corner of the world the English from time immemorial have been wont to wander.

It is good, therefore, to celebrate the anniversary of one held in high reverence by all lovers of valiant deeds on land and sea. The name "Saint George of England," even in these prosaic days, tingles the blood and stirs the imagination even of the most phlegmatic, for we know that in our Patron Saint we have enshrined all that is best, all that is worthy in the glorious traditions of our past, the aspirations of the future, the deep love that we have for England, our Motherland. When Shakespeare, England's greatest dramatic poet, set out to stir his countrymen to their depths, he did so in language of thrilling and noble majesty and in the name of our Patron Saint. Magnificently he wrote:—

Once more into the breach,
Dear friends, once more;
Or close the wall up with
our English dead!

On, on you noblest English!
Whose blood is fet from fathers
of war-proof;

Fathers that, like so many
Alexander,
Have in these parts from morn
till even fought
And sheathed their swords for
lack of argument.

Dishonour not your mothers;
now attest
That those whom you called
fathers did beget you.

Be copy now to men of grosser
blood,
And teach them how to war. And
you, good yeomen,
Whose limbs were made in Eng-
land, show us here
The mettle of your pasture; let
us swear

That you are worth your breed-
ing; which I doubt not;
For there is none of you so mean
and base

That hath not noble lustre in
your eyes.
I see you stand like greyhounds
in the slip,
Straining upon the start, the
game's afoot;

Follow your spirit; and, upon
this charge,
Cry "God for Harry! England
and Saint George."

Station Hotel,
Kowloon, April 21.

CHEER O'.

WILLING WORKERS FOR THE SERVICEMEN.

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OBITUARIES.

A HANGCHOW LADY MISSIONARY PASSES AWAY.

MRS. T. GAUNT.

Hangchow, April 15.

A great gloom has been cast over the foreign community and the Christian Church of Hangchow. Mrs. T. Gaunt, of the Church Missionary Society, passed away suddenly on Thursday evening last, after only a very short illness. Mrs. Gaunt, who dedicated her life to missionary work in China, for many years had ministered to the spiritual needs of the people and was greatly beloved and deeply respected by all.

At a short memorial service held at the Sin Ih Tang, some touching references were made by the Chinese clergy to the faithful work of this devoted lady missionary. One of the Pastors, intimately acquainted, over a long period, with her labour of love, testified that it had never been known for a cross word to proceed out of her mouth and that all her intercourse with the Chinese had been characterised by the spirit of meekness and lowliness.

The floral tributes evidenced how truly Mrs. Gaunt was held in honour by foreigners and Chinese alike. The mourners walked in procession to the foreign cemetery, situated in a quiet spot on the outskirts of the West Lake. The Rev. C. Bird, of the C.M.S. at Shaoxingfu, conducted the burial service and a large group of friends assembled at the graveside to pay their last token of affection to a true and valued friend. Much sympathy goes out to the Rev. T. Gaunt in this hour of trial, and to the only son, who is at present in England.—"N. C. Daily News."

Admiral Sir Charles Vaughan-Lee.

Admiral Sir Charles L. Vaughan-Lee, K.B.E., C.B., who in the Great War saw varied service in the North Sea, at the Admiralty, and at Portsmouth Dockyard, died at his residence, Bepton, Midhurst, on March 16, in his 62nd year. In his youth he served a long commission on the China Station, and exerted himself so well in learning the duties of his profession that when, in 1886, he came to pass for lieutenant, he took first-class certificates in every subject, and was promoted at the early age of 19. In 1907-9 he was captain of the cruiser "Astrea" in China waters.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MISS O'KEEFE'S DISPLAY.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Dear Sir,—I am writing to inform you that the gross receipts of my Dancing Display given at the Queen's Theatre on the 11th instant amounted to \$1,763 and I am in the meantime forwarding to Earl Haig's Fund a draft for \$20 and a cheque for \$50 to the Netherlands Hospital.

Yours, etc.,
Daisy O'Keefe.

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HAYLEY MORRIS.

HIS DIVORCE AFFAIRS AGAIN CONSIDERED.

JUDGE'S CONDEMNATION.

Attended by two warders Hayley Eustace Morris, (formerly of Shanghai) formerly of Pippingford Park, Uckfield, was present in the Divorce Court on March 20, before the president, Lord Merivale, who further considered his petition for divorce against his wife, Eliza Phyllis Thurston Ward Morris.

Morris had alleged misconduct between his wife and the co-respondent, Mr. Dudley Wood, of Park Lane, London, and claimed damages. A special jury found misconduct between the respondent and co-respondent, but said they did not think it was a case for damages. The judge, however, ordered that the decree nisi should not be drawn up until the question of the wife's maintenance had been disposed of.

Morris argued his case in person and Mr. Rolfe appeared for Mrs. Morris.

Mr. Rolfe submitted that it was a case in which the petitioner should be called upon to make some provision for his wife's future, in order that she might have a chance of leading a respectable life.

When it was ascertained that neither Mrs. Hayley Morris nor the co-respondent was in court, the judge intimated that he would hear evidence which the petitioner desired to call.

Evidence was then given. Mr. Rolfe submitted that there was nothing in the evidence to affect his contention that the petitioner was responsible to a large extent for the degradation of his wife, having regard to the grave moral injury he had done to her character.

Lord Merivale, giving his decision, said the question was whether there was anything in the relations of the parties and Morris' treatment of his wife which would induce the court to regard her as an injured woman for whom provision ought to be made. He said he did not think that Morris was the author of the mischief, but he did involve his wife in a course of criminal conduct of a very aggravated form.

This was a suit which was at present pending. He proposed to direct that the payment of alimony "pendente lite" (pending the hearing of the case) from the time of the beginning of the suit to the time of the dissolution of the marriage should be lodged in court; that it should be at the rate of the payments which the petitioner voluntarily made (£30 gs. 8d. per month) pending the suit; that the sums which he had paid on account should be credited, and that the balance should be the amount to be lodged.

"That being done," said Lord Merivale, "I see no reason why the purely artificial relationship between the parties, which, I think, was brought into being as part of the scheme of criminal conduct and was equally to the discredit of each of them, should be allowed to intervene in the cause of the dissolution of the marriage."

GENERAL YANG SEN.

Hankow, Saturday.
Three of General Yang Sen's personal staff have arrived here from further up the Yangtze River (presumably to discuss matters with the local, Wu-Han, Nationalists).—British Naval Wireless.

Mrs. Webb, of Hanger Hill Nurseries, Ealing, W., is lying seriously ill in Ealing Hospital, as the result of injuries, including loss of her left ear, received when she was attacked by an Alsatian dog which she had kept for 2½ years.

DO YOU KNOW?

To-day's List of Little Posers.

From day to day in the "China Mail" appear half a dozen questions of a general nature, for which acknowledgment is due to the "Daily Sketch." Answers will be found on page 9 of this issue.

1. What flower is capable of producing more varieties than any other?
2. Which two languages are spoken by the most people?
3. From whom does Palestine take its name?
4. Who was President of France during the Great War?
5. What is meant by "the Law and the Prophets"?
6. When Parliament first divided into a House of Lords and a House of Commons?

Shanghai, April 9, 1928.

EGYPTIAN LAW.

UNFAVOURABLY RECEIVED IN LONDON.

ANTI-FOREIGN RIOTING.

London, April 21.

The text of the proposed assembly law, which is to come before the Egyptian Senate on April 30, has reached London and is the subject of unfavourable comment in the press. When the Egyptian Government rejected the draft of the Anglo-Egyptian treaty which had been negotiated by Sarwat Pasha and Sir Austen Chamberlain, they were reminded in a communication, sent at the beginning of last month, that the British Government would not permit the discharge of their responsibility for the protection of foreigners in Egypt to be endangered by Egyptian legislation.

Political Agitation Facilitated. The present bill is regarded by the press as having the effect of facilitating political agitation, and weakening the hands of those whose duty it is to maintain order. Among the clauses which attract comment are those which stipulate that a police officer may attend a meeting but can only dissolve it in two cases: if the committee responsible for the meeting requests in writing that this should be done, or in case of grave disorder in which event the meeting can be resumed if calm is considered to have been restored. Lighter penalties are imposed on demonstrators who contravene the law than on officials dissolving meetings in cases other than those indicated in bill.

Misgivings. The terms of the whole measure are reported to have created misgivings among foreign residents in Egypt, and among the Egyptian police, who would have to wait for a definite breach of the peace before they could take any executive action.

The "Times" says that Zaghini Pasha himself considered that the existing law of public meeting required strengthening rather than relaxation and it can only be supposed that the extremists in or behind the Wafd party have simply made up their minds to impose an irresponsible gesture upon the Egyptian Government.

Anti Foreign Feeling. Political excitement in Egypt has almost always been accompanied by anti-foreign rioting. There are fully 100,000 foreign residents in Egyptian towns, while others, especially Greeks, are scattered about the countryside. The value of their property is considerable and in times of trouble they are regularly menaced by local roughs, whom the Egyptian authorities have always found difficulty in restraining and whom they will hardly be able to restrain at all if the public meetings bill becomes law.

Until the proposed law has been definitely passed by the Senate and signed by King Fuad there is always a hope that wiser counsels will prevail at the last moment, and that even the wilder spirits will realise that some gestures are neither dignified nor prudent.—British Wireless Service.

INDIAN POLICE.

RECRUITS FINED FOR INSUBORDINATION.

MISSED PARADE.

Before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy on Saturday, four Indian recruits of the Hong Kong Police Force were charged by Mr. L. H. C. Calthrop, A.S.P. (Kowloon) for misconduct in that they disobeyed the order of a superior officer at the new Police Training School in Nathan-road, Kowloon. Two of the men were further charged with insubordination towards superior officers.

The men were warned by Inspector Paterson, in charge of the Training School, at 9 a.m., on Thursday to attend a parade at 8 o'clock on Friday morning because they had appeared at a previous parade in a dirty condition. The four defendants ignored the order and did not report at the parade on Friday morning. When spoken to by the Indian Sub-Inspector, first defendant said that as it was raining they did not like to turn out.

Later when Sergeant Baker gave the men a further order, second defendant said: "Get a rope and hang the four of us right here."

On the charge of misconduct, the Magistrate fined the four men \$30 each. The first two were further fined \$25 each on the charge of insubordination. The alternatives in each case were three weeks' hard labour, or the terms to run consecutively in the case of the first two men.

CHINA & DRUGS.

GENEVA AND A BIG HONG KONG SEIZURE.

"WHAT CHINA FEELS."

Geneva, April 21.

At the sitting of the Opium Committee the report was read of the seizure in Hong Kong of 1,750 ounces of heroin and 288 ounces of morphine, shipped by a Dutch firm to Shanghai. This was seized as a result of information supplied by the Dutch Authorities.

An interesting statement was made on the situation in China, showing that the Chinese felt that Europe and Japan were poisoning and weakening them by introducing narcotics into China. Mr. Chao read a long statement declaring that the Chinese Government upheld the prohibition of the cultivation of opium.

M. Brenier declared that 163,000 kilos of Persian opium above the official figures had been exported. He urged that the Persian Government be asked to explain.

Viscount Sato was full of regret that Japan's administrative measures with regard to the illicit traffic had not been more successful. He foreshadowed the possibility of new legislation, but pointed out many difficulties, notably the fact that the Chinese were able to charter Japanese vessels to transport opium.

Sir Malcolm Delevingne drew attention to the fact that, during the year, 150 tons of Persian opium were shipped to Vladivostok. Sir Campbell pointed out that, as long as no control existed in Turkey and Persia, the proceedings of the Committee were marked by a sense of unreality.

The Situation in China. Mr. L. A. Lyall, in an impressive statement on the situation in China, said that the opium revenue of the Shanghai district amounted to £2,000,000 sterling a year. At present there was no prospect of ameliorating the position.

The situation, in regard to morphine in China was worse than twenty years ago. Incalculable harm was being done, and the people were convinced that Britain was responsible for the introduction of opium into China. Mr. Lyall recognised that Japan was doing everything possible to stop smuggling, but there were many difficulties in the way.

Mr. Chao emphasised China's policy of prohibition. He admitted slackness in carrying it out, but China was not master of its own house, and it was difficult to control the nationals of foreign concessions. Mr. Chao also gave figures of the imports of morphine, heroin and cocaine into China. He mentioned that the Chinese Authorities had seized 1,400 kilos of opium and large quantities of narcotics.

Control Schemes. It is learned that the sub-committee on opium unanimously rejected Signor Cavazzoni's scheme for the comprehensive control of the opium drug. This was regarded as going too far.

The Committee proposes a scheme of its own instead.—Reuters.

FOOTER FILM.

SPORTING COMEDY AT QUEEN'S THEATRE.

In "The Quarterback," the new film now showing at the Queen's Theatre, Richard Dix is seen in what is for him an unusual role, that of a football-playing freshman. Esther Ralston helps to supply the love interest. The story mainly, however, has to do with the football field and the efforts of the rival college faction to upset the hero, who develops into a sparkling "quarterback," an important position in American football. The field scenes are excellently "shot" and there are some remarkably effective "close-ups" taken at strange angles. "The Quarterback," is, as would be expected, full of action and should be enjoyed even by those who are not conversant with the American game. There is no 9.20 picture performance for the public to-night at the Queen's owing to the reception of the St. George's Society.

SINCLAIR LEWIS.

WIFE GETS DIVORCE FOR DESERTION.

Reno, Nevada, April 16. Mrs. Sinclair Lewis to-day obtained a divorce from her famed novelist husband on the ground of desertion. She obtained a property settlement of \$50,000, which is under- stood to represent half of what Lewis is supposed to have made as profit on publication of his most widely-known book, "Main Street."—United Press.

CHINA LIGHT CO.

(Continued from Page 1.)

in their absolute discretion decide.

Time Limit. "And further that until such time as the said 120,000 shares shall be fully paid up they shall vis-a-vis the said 600,000 shares only rank for dividend in proportion to the ratio borne by the amount paid up thereon in respect of the nominal value thereof to the full nominal value (\$5) thereof.

"And that such offer be made by notice specifying the number of shares to which the member is entitled and limiting a time within which the offer if not accepted by the member on behalf of himself or his nominee will be deemed to be declined and that the directors be at liberty to fix such time and to extend such time to such date or dates and upon terms as they may think fit. And further that any of the said 120,000 shares which shall not be taken up by the company's shareholders in manner aforesaid be disposed of in such manner at such time or times and upon such terms as the company's directors shall in their absolute discretion think fit."

Mr. H. P. White seconded. This second resolution (as amended) was carried unanimously.

Third Resolution.

Mr. Shewan then proposed the third resolution as follows:—

"That no shareholder shall be entitled to any offer of a fraction of an additional share in respect of any odd share held by such shareholder."

Mr. A. A. Botelho seconded and the resolution was carried unanimously. The effect of the amendment is that the directors will have power to issue new shares as they think fit, instead of receiving \$1 per share on May 1, 1928, and \$4 per share on June 1, 1928 (as at first proposed).

AMOROUS INDIAN.

JAIL FOR ASSAULTING CHINESE WOMAN.

Gulam Mohammed, an Indian watchman, employed at the Tai Sing Paper Mills, Aberdeen, was this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy with assaulting a Chinese woman.

The woman said that at 11.45 a.m., yesterday, she was on the hillside at the back of the paper mills gathering herbs when the Indian suddenly came up from behind and embraced her. He released her when she called out "save life." She then ran down the hill and went to the police to whom she made a report. Later she went with the police to the mills where the Indian was arrested.

The Indian said that the woman falsely accused him because she and a relative were dismissed from the mills as the result of his reporting them for stealing paper. He was on the hill yesterday, but never touched the woman.

Asked by the Magistrate if he wished to call the people from the mills to give evidence, the Indian said that as they were all Chinese they were bound to go in favour of the woman.

Mr. Lindsell passed sentence of 14 days' hard labour.

Mr. Cosh, manager at the Kowloon Dock, reported to the police that at 4.15 p.m., on Friday a stage plank at the No. 2 Dock suddenly gave way and eight Chinese workmen who were standing on it fell to the bottom. One man was severely injured about the head and body and had to be removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital. The others all received slight injuries which did not necessitate treatment at the hospital.

Public motor-car No. 262 suddenly got out of control whilst it was being driven in Tang Loong-street, Wanchai at 1.20 o'clock this morning. It mounted the pavement and crashed into the front of the Yan Cheng grocer's shop. The doors of the shop were knocked down, a part of the shop window was broken and some goods damaged. After the accident, the driver ran away, leaving the car behind.

A small fire broke out at 7.30 last night in the second floor of No. 89, Connaught-road West. The premises were occupied by the Hing Loong Import and export firm, and damage was done to furniture to the extent of \$5. Three appliances turned out from the Central Fire Station but on arrival found that the fire had been extinguished by the foks of the shop.

CANTON REFORMS.

LI CHAI-SUM GETS BUSY.

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT.

To give effect to the official attitude that there is now no cause for preferential treatment of labourers and peasants, and also to remove one of the avenues, which have been explored in the past by Communist agents, Marshal Li Chai-sum has effected reforms in the Canton Provincial Government. The Department of Labour and Agriculture has been abolished. Its activities will now be conducted by a sub-department in the Civil Affairs office.

The "axe" of economy has also been applied to the Department of Industries which has now been merged into the Department of Construction.

A saving of \$2,000,000 a year will be the result, but it is noteworthy that Marshal Li's decision is tantamount to restriction of political and semi-political movements by workmen and farmers hitherto, at the expense of other classes in Kwangtung province.

"HARVEST WAGGON."

A "GAINSBOROUGH" FROM AMERICA.

London, Saturday.

Sir Joseph Duveen, the well-known art expert, has purchased in America Gainsborough's famous picture, "The Harvest Waggon" and is bringing it back to England. The price paid was £72,000.—Reuters.

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

Passengers by s.s. "President Jackson," arriving in Hong Kong, on April 23:—

For Hong Kong:—Mr. R. de Arruza, Mr. C. de Leon, Mr. L. P. de Olague, Mrs. R. A. de Ong, Mr. C. A. Evans, Mrs. E. J. Evans, Mr. A. Groves, Mr. Paul Harvey, Mr. J. P. Islef, Mrs. J. C. Islef, Mr. J. E. Los Santos, Mr. R. J. Marriott, Mr. J. D. Menarini, Mr. J. A. Nicuwanhuys, Mr. Angel Ong, Mr. Ong Han-chuan, Mr. G. J. Pollard, Mr. M. Pollock, Lt. S. E. Rall, Miss Soledad Saguso, Mr. L. P. Samanillo, Mrs. V. W. Strelley, Mr. J. W. Walker, Mr. B. B. Wilcox, Mr. L. Wright, Mrs. Edith M. Wright, Mr. Yu Yi-tung, Mr. Yu Guan-shih.

For Shanghai:—Mrs. W. D. Bassett, Miss M. Bassett, Master D. Bassett, Capt. W. Benthoft, Mr. C. A. C. Bran, Mr. J. M. Cohan, Miss G. D. Dorobrowsky, Mr. Charles D. Hilles, Jr., Mr. E. C. Howard, Mr. Lim Chun-tek, Mr. M. A. Macbeath, Mrs. M. A. Macbeath, Mr. J. Marcos, Mr. E. M. Marks, Ensign J. A. Mason, Mrs. J. E. Odgers, Master R. Odgers, Master L. Odgers, Lt. W. W. Race, Father M. Redondo, Mrs. H. W. Underwood, Master A. Underwood, Father S. Vadillo.

For Kobe:—Mrs. M. Furutani, Mr. H. Furutani, Mr. John R. McFie, Jr., Mr. Jose W. Moreno, Mr. Sachiniko Ohba, Mr. Hilton S. Pedley, Lt. Walter E. Richards.

For Yokohama:—Lt. John J. Gahan, Mrs. Dorothy C. Gahan.

For Honolulu:—Mr. A. W. Woods.

For San Francisco:—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Burke, Mr. C. M. Cotterman, Mrs. Etta R. Cotterman, Mrs. G. A. Cresap, Miss Ida May Cresap, Miss Lavina Cresap, Mr. A. B. Cresap, Mr. A. P. Drakeford, Mrs. Victoria H. Dumas, Mr. Norman L. Dumas, Mr. Frederick C. Hagedorn, Mrs. Esperanza Hagedorn, Miss Rosario Hagedorn, Mr. P. A. Meyer, Mrs. Margaret Meyer, Mr. Frederick A. von Kauffmann, Mrs. Ramona G. von Kauffmann, Miss Maria M. von Kauffmann, Mr. Emerson A. Rogers, Mr. M. H. Rubenstein, Miss Concepcion C. Vera.

For Los Angeles:—Mr. Max Basker, Mrs. Mary Dun Clagett, Mrs. Mary F. Crain, Mrs. Lydia Shultz, Mrs. O. V. Wood, Miss Doris Ellen Wood, Mrs. Emile C. Zilkowski.

Sir Robert Horne, M.P., interviewed in Auckland, said that unemployment in Australia and New Zealand was a mere passing phase. It was impossible to suppose that countries with great natural resources such as Australia and New Zealand possessed were not going to be built up and afford employment for a greater population than the present.

In the majority of cases if you spare the rod you don't spoil the child.—Mr. J. R. Eccles (Hand-master, Holt).

Shadows Before

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Quarterback," at 6.15 and 7.15. To-day—World Theatre; "The Big Parade," 2.30, 6.30, 9.15. To-day—Star Theatre; "Wild Beauty."

April 23—Entertainment to Hong Kong Garrison by the Society of St. George.

April 23—Committee and Members of St. George's Society "At Home" to H.M. Force in Queen's and Star Theatres.

April 24—Queen's Theatre; "Everybody's Acting."

April 24—Star Theatre; "The General."

April 26—St. Peter's Club concert in St. John's Cathedral Hall. April 26—Queen's Theatre; "The Cohens and Kelly's in Paris."

April 26—Star Theatre; "Footloose Widows."

April 30—Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A. dance, at Helena May Institute.

Lammerts' Auction.

April 23—Household furniture, Observatory Villas, Kowloon.

April 26—Valuable Curios, at Sales Room, 230 p.m.

April 27—Household furniture, 42, Humphreys-bldg., Kowloon, 2.45 p.m.

April 30—At Sales Room, Postage Stamp, 5.15 p.m.

Sports.

April 24—H.K.C.C. Tennis Tournament; Semi-final open Singles, T. Honda v. E. C. Fincher.

April 24—Inter-Unit Athletic Meeting, Sookumpoo.

April 28—Hong Kong Boxing Association's final tournament, Lee Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

May 6—H.K. Jockey Club fourth extra race meeting.

Meetings.

April 24—Fiftieth annual meeting of China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at Company's offices, Pedder-st., noon.

April 24—Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting, City Hall, 4 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

To-day—Band of the 1st Bn., the Queen's Regt., Cricket Club Ground, 5.30 p.m.

April 24—Laying of foundation stone for the erection and extension of the East wing of the H.K. University by the Rev. Dr. T. W. Pearce.

April 27—Laying of foundation stone of new St. Stephen's-bldg. at Stanley Peninsula, by H.E. the Governor, 3.30 p.m.

NOTICE.

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Subject to ground and weather conditions the following is the amended programme:—

24th April Semi-Final Open Singles, Pink Ticket, T. Honda v. E. C. Fincher.

25th " Semi-Final Open Singles, Blue Ticket, Ng Sze-kwong v. S. A. Rumjahn.

26th " Semi-Final Open Doubles, Green Ticket, Top Half.

27th " Semi-Final Open Doubles, Yellow Ticket, Lower Half.

30th " Final Open Singles, White Ticket.

2nd May Final Open Doubles, Red Ticket.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Tokyo, Yesterday. — H.J.M.S. "Ashigara," Japan's fourth 10,000-ton cruiser, has been launched at Kobe.—Reuter.

The first strawberries of the year reached Covent Garden last month, and realised £2 a pound wholesale. They were hothouse-grown at Worthing.

The "Shipping World" states that Sir Thomas Storey is to retire from the chairmanship of Lloyd's Register, and will be succeeded by Sir George Higgins.

Cinema patrons are reminded that only three performances daily are being given of "The Big Parade" at the World Theatre, at 2.30, 6.30 and 9.15 p.m.

Owing to several recent cases of razor slashing the N.S.W. Cabinet has decided to introduce the lash as a punishment for offences of this nature. It is hoped that his will act as a deterrent.

Although there were lower tenders from foreign firms, Barnes District Council has accepted the lowest British tender — namely, that of Messrs. Crompton, Parkinson, Ltd.—for electrical plant.

Mrs. Archibald Douglas, the wife of Mr. A. V. C. Douglas, of Mains, Scots Guards, gave birth to a daughter at 50, Ennismore-gardens on March 15. Mrs. Douglas is the daughter of Sir Maurice, and Lady de Bunsen.



Mrs. Florence P. Kahn, of California, who has been named on the board of visitors for the United States Naval Academy. This is the first time in history that a woman has been appointed on this board.

The total number of unemployed in Austria on March 1, was 223,985, a reduction of 6,258 since the middle of February, and 20,400 less than on March 1, 1927.

The inquest on Mr. Ratcliffe Cousins, the West London magistrate, who was knocked down by a motor-car in November and who succumbed to his injuries was conducted by Mr. Ingleby Oddie, the Westminster coroner.

The Bishop of Manchester, speaking at the Mount of Olives Missionary Conference at Jerusalem, expressed the opinion that if Mr. Gandhi, who perhaps was the greatest man on earth, were a Christian, he would better succeed in finding his ideal, and his energy would succeed in moralising and spiritualising Christian civilisation.

St. George's Society holding special concerts for the services this evening, there will be no movie performance at the Queen's Theatre to-night at 9.15, but the 2.30, 5.10 and 7.15 performances will take place as usual. The continuous programme at the Star Theatre to-day will be from 2.30 to 8.30 only.

Riga, April 20.—In the course of searches to-day, the political police found a number of documents relating to the Communist activities in subsidising and controlling the Left newspapers. Copies of important correspondence with Moscow was also discovered. As the result of the raids, the police made eleven arrests, while others are pending.—Reuter.

Figures recorded in connection with Saturday night's heavy rain are remarkable. For the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. yesterday, 6.30 inches of rain were measured at the Matilda Hospital, Mount Kellett, whilst at the Royal Observatory, Kowloon, 2.12 inches of rain were recorded for the same period. The rainfall at Kowloon since April 17 has been 8.17 inches. The sudden change yesterday morning was due to the anti-cyclone over China, and the fact that the Colony was out of the influence of the depression east of China.

Dame Madge Kendal was 79 years old last month.

Twenty-one candles were lighted with one match by a woman competitor at a Lanark sale of work.

Flash light beacons are to be installed at the Esher entrance to the Kingston by-pass road, and also at the Merton connection.

New York, April 21.—The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis has established its rediscount rate at 4½ per cent.—Reuter's American Service.

The late Mr. David Gubbay, (62) of Hertford-street, Mayfair (London, W.), lately a director of Messrs. David Sassoon and Co., Ltd., of the Imperial Bank of Persia, and of the African Mercantile Co., left £57,532 (unsettled).

Three orang-outangs which, with various other denizens of the wild, reached London in the Blue Funnel steamer "Perseus" on March 17, enlivened the voyage from Singapore by their "monkey-tricks." One released the Java sparrows which were being carried as food for the wildcats.

Captain G. W. Steele, Jr., formerly in command of the U. S. S. "Pittsburgh," when that cruiser was the flagship of Admiral G. S. Williams has been appointed naval Attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Paris and left Shanghai last week on board the "President Harrison," a round-the-world, cruiser, to take up his new post.

When Mr. Arthur Way, of Goldsmith-road, Peckham, S.E., heard a noise downstairs at about 3 a.m. he thought burglars were in the house, and went downstairs to investigate. Opening the kitchen door he flashed a torch he had brought with him, and saw an elephant. He fled. Later he returned with some neighbours and recognised the elephant as one which had been recently stabled in a shed near his house. It was having an early meal of tablecloth and a loaf, and was thoroughly enjoying itself by smashing plates and crockery. With the help of a policeman, it was taken back to the stable from which it had escaped.

Early yesterday morning, six Chinese armed with revolvers and daggers, carried out a daring armed robbery in the top floor of No. 132, Bowham-strand East, occupied by a rich Chinese rice merchant. The intruders entered the premises through the roof. On the premises at the time were the merchant, three women, a small boy, two male servants and two amahs. The robbers ransacked the premises, and made a haul of jewellery, money and other property worth \$2,903. The intruders also carried away title deeds, and promissory notes of the face value of \$101,450. The robbers finally escaped down the staircase. On receipt of the report of the robbery, the police raided the adjacent houses and removed four men on suspicion.

At the Union Church, Kennedy-road, on Saturday afternoon, the wedding took place of Mr. William Lumsden, eldest son of Mr. J. Lumsden and the late Mrs. Lumsden, of Dundee, Scotland, and Miss McKelvie, the only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John McKelvie, of Broughty Ferry, Forfarshire, Scotland. The Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald officiated, and Mr. Longyear presided at the organ. Mr. A. E. Ramsay gave away the bride who wore a charming dress of georgette, with overdress and sleeves of French lace, a Juliet cap with orange blossoms and a long veil handsewn with lovers' knots. She carried a shower bouquet of cream and white roses with maiden-hair ferns. Mrs. A. E. Ramsay was the matron of honour, whilst the flower girl was Miss Betty Evans. Mr. A. Ramsay carried out the duties of best man.

Save at the Bank of England, the new silver coinage was not available for distribution to the general public as had originally been announced. The reason was explained to a "Daily Mail" reporter by a City banker, who said: The Chancellor of the Exchequer decided to make a quick profit before the Budget by recalling from circulation pre-1920 silver coins, which contain 37 parts of silver to 8 parts alloy, and issuing in their place the new coins, which are only half silver and half alloy. But the banks were not consulted, and it is difficult as well as expensive for them to forward this scheme. By great labour they could collect from their labour branches the pre-1920 coins and pass these into the Bank of England in exchange for new coins. But the Bank of England charges a fee for receiving silver coin in large quantities and the "big five" are asking why they should pay this fee as well as being landed with the whole labour of the transaction when they have no benefit from it.

The Victoria Cross awarded to Private Duncan Miller during the Indian Mutiny fetched £50 at Glendinning's saleroom in London.

Mr. St. John Hutchinson has been appointed Recorder of Hythe in succession to Mr. F. T. Barrington-Ward, appointed Recorder of Chichester.

Sir Hugo Cunliffe-Owen (Chairman of the B. A. T.) and Lady Cunliffe-Owen arrived by the s.s. "Olympic" last month at Southampton from New York.

Admiral the Hon. Sir Edmund Fremantle, who is 91, presided at the annual meeting of the Queen Adelaide Naval Fund at Carlton House, Regent-street, S.W.

The conductor for many years of the Oberchostadt Male Choir, Herr Ernst Futscher, has accepted an appointment as professor of music at the University of Kogoshima, Japan.

The pipers of the Scots Guards, for the first time in public, last month wore their new feathered bonnets at a parade this morning at the regimental headquarters, Buckingham-gate, S.W.

The Bookman Prize, presented by Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton for the best French work of imagination out of the four submitted by Paris this year, has been awarded for M. Julien Green's "Adrienne Mesurat."



Dame Ellen Terry, England's great actress, who recently celebrated her 80th birthday.

Banana trees brought to South Manchuria from Formosa by Japanese experimenters are reported to have borne remarkably fine fruit, and it is now proposed to introduce other tropical fruits into this region, which resembles in climate and topography the middle western states of America.

Communists are reported by the Chinese papers to have attacked the Chung Hsing Village, half way between Kiangyin and Changsu. After plundering the homes of the villagers, they set fire to them and escaped after they had murdered a number of unfortunate people. Troops were rushed to the spot, soon afterwards but no arrests were made.

Arriving in Hong Kong during the week-end, the master of a fishing junk has reported to the police that his craft was pirated off Ping-chau Island on Wednesday. A sampan approached with five men on board. The fishing junk, not being armed, was unable to offer resistance. The craft was ransacked and the pirates helped themselves to \$78 in Hong Kong banknotes, \$10 in Kwangtung silver and \$12 in copper cents.

Among the more important sections of the scheme for protecting towns on the Rhine from the disastrous floods which periodically occur, Newwied, the centre of the iron-ore and other industries, is regarded as the principal. The Provincial Government has now earmarked half a million marks and the State one million towards the \$3,000,000 marks (about £2,500,000) which is the estimated cost of the complete protection scheme for Newwied.

Dr. Norwood, headmaster of Harrow, stated, to a Press representative that there was no truth in the report that the wearing of the famous straw hat by young Harrovians was to be discontinued. "The matter has not even been considered," he added. Many old Harrovians have been greatly concerned over the possible banishment of the shallow-crowned, wide-brimmed hat, with its convenient stretch of elastic to keep it on the head, although it is stated that the boys now at the school have not the veneration for the straw hat that their predecessors possessed.

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Sport Columns

CUP FOR BLACKBURN

HUDDERSFIELD DEFEATED
3-1.

SENSATIONAL START.

London, Yesterday.
Blackburn won the Association Cup Final at Wembley, beating Huddersfield by three goals to one in dull weather before 93,000 spectators, including the King and Queen and the Duke and Duchess of York.
His Majesty and the Duke of York shook hands with the players. Huddersfield lost and there was a sensational start. Puddfoot, the inside right, lobbed the ball into the goalmouth. Mercer, the goalkeeper, hesitated, and Roscamp, the centre forward charged him into the net. So in the first minute Blackburn were one up.
Huddersfield were playing an unsteady game. Blackburn in a spirited attack scored through McLean, the inside left, whose hook shot got there in the 23rd minute of the game. At halftime Blackburn were leading 2/0.
Ten minutes after the restart Jackson, the inside right scored for Huddersfield and then Roscamp increased Blackburn's lead six minutes from the finish, the result being Blackburn 3, Huddersfield 1.—Reuter.

LEAGUE RESULTS.

Following are Saturday's league match results as cabled by Reuter:—

Division I.

Birmingham 2, Liverpool 0.
Bolton 4, West Ham 0.
Cardiff 3, Sunderland 1.
Everton 3, Aston Villa 2.
Manchester U. 2, Sheffield U. 3.
Middlesbrough 1, Leicester 1.
Newcastle 1, Arsenal 1.
Wednesday 2, Portsmouth 0.
Tottenham 1, Bury 4.

Division II.

Blackpool 4, St. Shields 1.
Bristol C. 0, Hull 1.
Chelsea 2, Leeds 3.
Clapton 2, Notts. Forest 2.
Grimsby 0, Wolves 1.
Notts. Cnty. 0, Fulham 1.
Oldham 0, Barnsley 1.
Reading 0, Port Vale 0.
Southampton 0, Swansea 2.
Stoke 3, Preston N. E. 2.
West Brom. 1, Manchester C. 1.

Division III (S.).

Brentford 4, Merthyr 0.
Bournemouth 2, Plymouth 2.
Brighton 5, Bristol R. 0.
Crystal Palace 1, Coventry 0.
Exeter 5, Newport 1.
Luton 4, Walsall 1.
Millwall 6, Gillingham 0.
Norwich 3, Watford 0.

Division III (N.).

Barnsley 4, St. Johnstone 0.
Bo'ness 2, St. Mirren 3.
Clyde 1, Raith Rovers 1.
Cowdenbeath 0, Hearts 1.
Falkirk 1, Hamilton 2.
Hibernians 3, Dunfermline 3.
Rangers 5, Kilmarnock 1.
Partick 3, Celtic 3.
Queen's Park 1, Dundee 2.

Division III (S.).

Bradford 5, Wigan 1.
*Chesterfield 0, Accrington 0.
Durham 0, Lincoln 4.
Nelson 3, Crewe 3.
Rochdale 2, Halifax 2.
Rotherham 0, Bradford C. 0.
Southport 4, New Brighton 2.
Stockport 4, Darlington 0.
Tranmere 0, Doncaster 0.
Hartlepool 4, Wrexham 2.

Scottish League.

Airdrieonians 2, St. Johnstone 0.
Bo'ness 2, St. Mirren 3.
Clyde 1, Raith Rovers 1.
Cowdenbeath 0, Hearts 1.
Falkirk 1, Hamilton 2.
Hibernians 3, Dunfermline 3.
Rangers 5, Kilmarnock 1.
Partick 3, Celtic 3.
Queen's Park 1, Dundee 2.

LEAGUE TABLES.

Division I.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Everton	40	19	12	9	94	61	50
Huddersfield	37	20	7	10	84	60	47
Leicester	39	17	11	11	88	69	45
Derby	39	16	10	13	88	73	42
Cardiff	40	16	10	14	88	76	42
Bolton	40	16	9	15	78	63	41
Aston Villa	39	16	8	15	73	69	40
Bury	40	18	4	18	76	80	39
Arsenal	39	13	13	13	78	81	39
Portsmouth	39	16	7	16	75	79	39
West Ham	40	14	10	16	77	82	38
Tottenham	41	15	8	18	74	84	38
Newcastle	39	13	14	12	79	78	38
Birmingham	40	12	14	14	65	72	38
Sunderland	39	14	9	16	63	72	37
Burnley	39	15	7	17	76	88	37
Liverpool	40	11	15	18	80	83	37
Sheff. U.	39	12	12	15	80	78	36
Blackburn	37	18	9	10	64	75	35
Wednesday	39	11	12	16	75	75	34
Manchester U.	39	13	7	19	63	78	33

Division II.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Leeds	40	25	7	8	97	53	57
Manchester C.	39	23	9	7	91	56	55
Chelsea	40	22	8	10	72	62	52
Preston	40	21	8	11	84	61	50
Celtic	40	22	8	10	71	58	48
Swansea	39	17	10	12	71	60	44
West Brom.	40	16	11	13	87	68	43
Oldham	40	18	7	15	69	49	43
Port Vale	39	17	9	13	67	57	40
Notts Forest	39	15	10	14	82	78	40
Sheff. W.	40	12	14	14	72	81	38
Bristol C.	40	15	12	13	75	79	38
Hull	40	12	14	14	48	88	36

SUNDAY SHOOT.

SCOTS GUARDS DEFEAT
TAIKOO R.C.

A NARROW WIN.

A friendly shoot took place at Taikoo Rifle Range yesterday between the 2nd Bn. Scots Guards and the Taikoo Rifle Club, resulting in a win for the Guards by 21 points. Conditions were: teams of ten with the best eight to count, remainder as per Hong Kong Rifle League Rules. Only eight men turned out for Taikoo.

	Yds.	Yds.	Yds.	Totals
Mr. Boulton K.	30	32	30	92
Mr. Cameron	22	30	23	75
Mr. Grimshaw	30	32	29	91
Mr. Maxwell	27	25	25	77
Mr. Melndoe	28	29	30	87
Mr. McLennan	34	33	28	95
Mr. Walmsley	29	33	30	92
Mr. Nisbet	20	29	25	74

Totals . . . 220 244 220 684
Plus 4% for open sights 4
Grand Total . . . 688

2nd Bn. Scots Guards.

	Yds.	Yds.	Yds.	Totals
Lt. C. A. Goghil	24	30	32	86
D/S. Blakeley	32	21	27	80
C.M.S. Proven	30	33	33	96
Sgt. I. M. Sluter	29	30	29	88
Sgt. Ley	31	30	30	91
Sgt. Quinn	29	30	28	87
Sgt. Jeffrey	22	33	28	83
Sgt. Washington	24	32	26	82
Piper Taylor	30	31	28	89
Gdsm. Marnoch	32	31	26	89

Totals . . . 283 301 287 871
Less counted out . . . 162
Total . . . 709
Grand Total . . . 709

HOTEL BILLIARDS.

In the final of the Palace Hotel billiards handicap, played on Friday, Mr. F. E. Silva defeated Mr. A. Lewis by 250 to 105. Silva's highest break was 46, while that of Lewis was only 14. Mr. J. Beach, in a speech before the presentation of the prizes, announced that Mr. A. J. Osmund (champion) and Mr. F. Jones had kindly consented to give an exhibition match of 750 up on Friday, April 27, at 8.30 p.m. The prizes were then presented to successful competitors:—Winner: F. E. Silva; runner-up: A. Lewis; 3rd prize: F. Jones; highest break: F. E. Silva (71).

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Barnsley	40	12	11	17	51	83	36
Wolves	39	13	8	18	61	88	34
Reading	40	11	12	17	53	74	34
Southampton	40	13	7	20	64	70	33
Blackpool	39	12	8	19	78	99	32
Clapton	40	11	10	19	58	74	31
Fulham	40	12	7	21	67	85	31
South Shields	40	7	8	25	53	107	22

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Millwall	39	28	5	6	128	60	61
Norwich	39	22	9	8	99	51	57
Plymouth	39	20	7	12	50	51	47
Brighton	39	18	10	11	77	61	45
Swindon	37	18	8	11	61	59	44
Exeter	40	16	12	12	67	66	44
Crystal Pal.	38	17	10	11	71	66	44
Newport	39	17	9	13	77	74	43
Southend	39	16	5	18	52	61	41
Brentford	40	17	6	17	75	69	40
Queen's P.	40	16	8	16	66	64	40
Charlton	39	13	13	13	55	65	39
Luton	38	14	7	17	78	85	38
Watford	38	12	10	16	55	74	34
Gillingham	39	12	9	18	60	74	33
Wrexham	39	12	9	18	60	74	33
Norwich	38	9	13	16	62	68	31
Bristol R.	39	13	4	22	65	90	30
Merthyr	40	9	12	19	61	88	30
Walsall	40	10	8	22	68	102	28
Torquay	39	8	12	20	49	99	28
Coventry	38	10	7	21	67	85	27

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Bradford	40	25	9	6	106	42	59
Lincoln	40	23	6	11	87	52	54
Stockport	39	22	7	10	83	44	51
Tranmere	38	21	8	9	96	60	50
Doncaster	39	21	7	11	82	39	49
Doncaster C.	40	17	12	11	83	58	46
Southport	41	20	4	17	68	68	44
Darlington	39	19	5	15	84	72	42
Accrington	39	17	8	14	73	72	42
New Brighton	39	14	12	13	67	55	40
Wrexham	40	17	6	17	62	66	40
Halifax	39	12	14	13	69	87	38
Rotherham	40	13	11	16	62	82	37
Rochdale	39	15	7	17	70	74	37
Hartlepool	39	15	5	19	75	80	37
Crewe	40	12	10	18	76	80	34
Chesterfield	40	12	9	19	66	75	33
Ashington	40	10	10	20	68	100	30
Barnley	40	9	11	20	53	102	29
Wigan	40	9	9	22	61	94	27
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Scottish League					Goals.	
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
Rangers	37	26	7	4	108	34
Motherwell	38	23	9	6	92	48
Celtic	37	22	9	6	91	38
Hearts	38	20	7	11	89	54
St. Mirren	38	19	8	11	79	74
Aberdeen	38	19	5	14	71	60
Partick	38	17	7	14	88	68
Kilmarnock	38	15	10	13	68	78
Cowdenbeath	38	18	7	15	66	68
Falkirk	38	16	8	17	76	68

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FASHIONS AND FANCIES

NOVEL NEGLIGES AND BOUDOIR GARMENTS APPEAR.

The Pajama Mode Is Strengthened in the Springtime Wardrobe. Slips Are in Vogue.
Lingerie Shows Unusual Treatments and Details.



Tea pajamas come in the most interesting of models this season. The ensemble idea has invaded the boudoir. Artistic pajama ensembles consisting of loose, straight jackets and ankle length trousers are the main part of the garment. Over the suit a circular coat—of contrasting colour, usually, is worn—but this is in harmony both in colour scheme and in design. Fur, trimming, marabou, embroidered panels, applied flowers and other decorative features are the trimmings mainly used.

Other occasional suits of this type suitable for the beach as well as the boudoir are those with vanguard trousers and a short surplice bodice. Over this outfit is worn a coat in Tuxedo cut. The Coolie coat is, of course, also worn.

Lounging pajamas are made to suggest the last word in luxury. Exquisite materials as well as unusual lines distinguish these new and charming boudoir garments. Colour, playing so vital a part on tired nerves, are worn to give rest. Certain colours possess an uplifting influence and are wisely chosen. Naturally a colour should be chosen to harmonise with the boudoir draperies as well as to become the wearer.

The formal tea gown is also worn. It possesses usually the most lavish treatment in lace, ribbon, fur and flowers as well as having a background of gorgeous fabric. Lanes and brocade materials, soft chiffons and satin are wisely chosen. Pajamas are now shown in two distinct models—the tailored types and those expressing feminine lure of line and trimming. Chiffons and satins, crepe de chine, and flowered silks all are chosen for the pajamas. Square, round and V necks are worn. Colours of delicate appeal are most frequently worn but startlingly lovely bright shades are gaining in popularity. All black, for instance, is at the height of the mode.

Costume slips made to wear with the spring chiffon dresses show a wealth of detail. The hems in particular which are picot possess petal effects or cut out tabs to give an uneven effect. Ruffles, too, on

the circular lines are shown on models for certain types of dresses. The tops of course are made to fit snugly. At the waist there is a decided bodice effect to give the smooth lines so essential at the hips. Shoulder straps are mostly made of flesh coloured net.

In Hollywood, where the boudoir garments are selected with the same care given to the outer apparel, there are a most lovely collection of tea gowns, pajamas and lingerie of unusual appeal. Dorothy Mackaill, when not busy in First National pictures, delights in selecting negligees and lingerie of unusual lines and treatment. She is pictured in a femininely designed sleeveless pajama featuring painted flowers on both jacket and trouser leg. It also has marabou trimming to ornament the

jacket. Turquoise blue is its enticing colour and the flowers are painted in pastel tints.

Billie Dove, too, possesses an unusually charming boudoir collection. In the First National film, "The Heart of a Foolies Girl," Miss Dove wears a Chinese Mandarin lounging suit of orchid and purple tones. It is gorgeously embroidered, too.

Molly O'Day, seen in First National's "The Patent Leather Kid," favours orchid-tones in this lounging suit. The jacket is in orchid and pansy colours and orchid is the colour of the trousers. Painted slips supply a novel note on this ensemble.

Bathing Suit Fashions

1908

1928

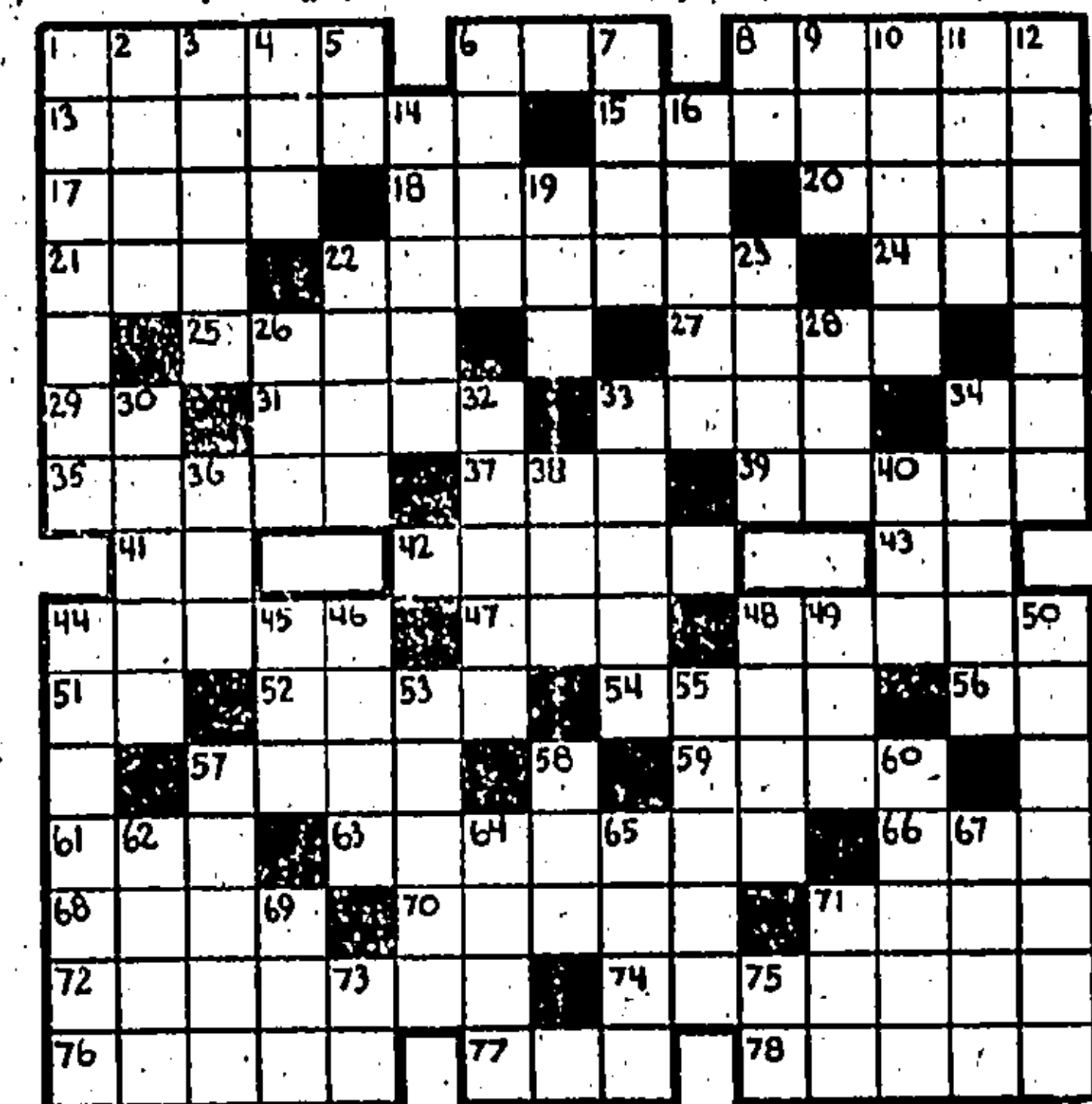


PRETTY GWYNETH, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer star, illustrates the tremendous change in bathing suit fashions which have taken place in California in the past twenty years. On the left we find her clothed in

beach attire popular in 1908 and on the right she has clothed herself in the latest approved fashions of 1928. Our only comment is that she looks very chic in either.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, ploio, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

1-Strip of leather
6-Metal peg
8-Property
13-Proposition
17-Extrast
17-Orpend
17-Ceraglio
20-Rotate
21-Consumed
22-Lectures
24-Conjunction
25-Gull-like bird
27-Dregs
28-Negative
31-Reciless
33-Shut forcibly
34-Proposition
35-For
37-Mimic
38-Begging
41-Exclamation
42-Stagnant
43-Musical note
44-Prevent
47-Cloth measure
48-Listen
51-Conjunction
52-Thoroughfare
54-Mud boat
56-A heavy weight (abbr.)

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

67-Paring
68-Kind of grass
69-Mineral
69-Snowed with ice
69-A corded fabric
69-Part
70-Be in accord
71-Jump
72-Late afternoon
74-Satisfy
76-Pile
77-Title
78-Thrown in

VERTICAL

1-Strains
2-Allowance for waste
3-Less again
4-Girl's name
5-Jumbled type
6-A fruit
7-Poverty
8-Like
9-Complete outfit
10-Looks down upon
11-A color
12-Living in cloth houses
14-Part of body (pl.)
16-Odor

VERTICAL (Cont.)

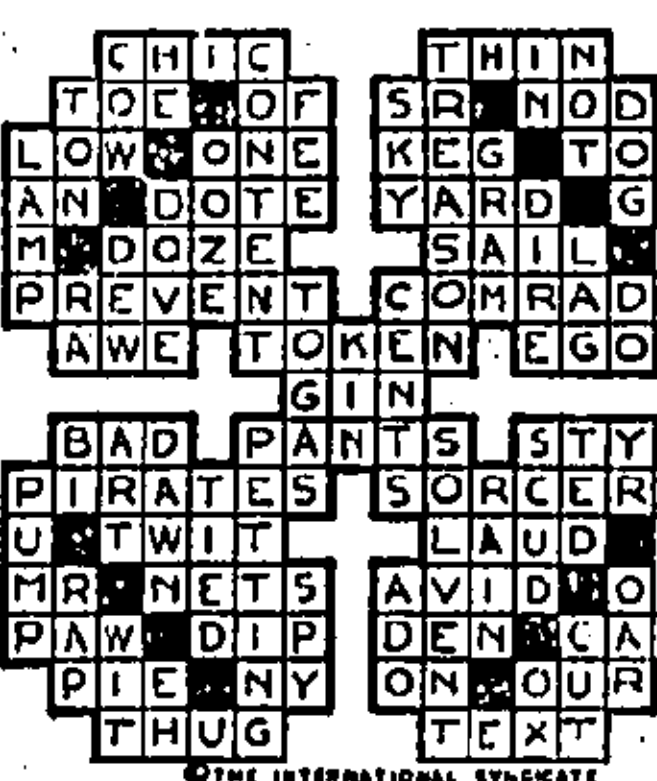
19-Rodent
22-Serving utensil
23-Ocean
26-Period
28-Ornith like bird
30-Not the same
32-Displeased
33-Purveyors
34-Litelles
36-Decay
38-Chum
40-Man's name
44-Girl's name
46-Before
46-Fish eggs (pl.)
48-Cultivated
49-A female sheep
50-Bit at
53-Man's name
55-Crawl
57-A foreign volcano
58-By
60-Awe
62-Wander
64-Urges
65-Rip
67-Comfort
69-Termination
71-Guided
73-Exits
76-A parent

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION.



HONGKONG HEIGHTS

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Taimoshan	8124
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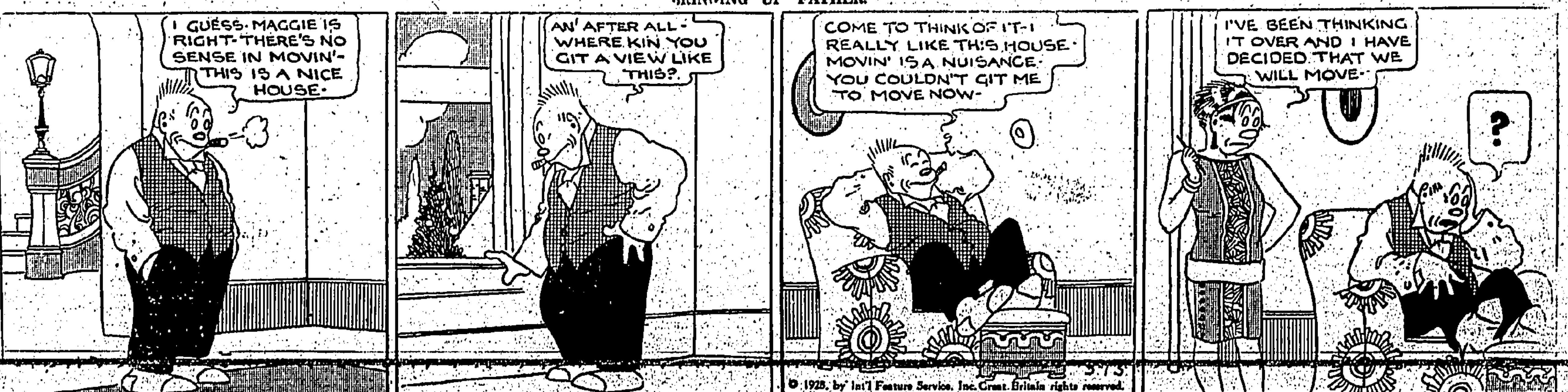
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LOCAL MARATHON.

PTE. TIERNAN'S GREAT RUN.

65 FACE STARTER.

If any doubt ever existed as to Private Tiernan of the R.A.M.C., being Hong Kong's best long distance runner, this was dispelled on Saturday when he doubled his Kowloon success by winning in convincing style the first annual Hong Kong Marathon race of the St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club, against a large field which included many fine Indian runners from the Mounted Battery, who won the team shield (first five men in to count) presented by the Nestle and Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Company.

The St. Peter's Club members are to be congratulated on the fine organisation of the race which proved to be a complete success.

In the absence of rain and with the sun not very much in evidence, weather conditions were favourable. There was a welcome breeze.

The marathon attracted 74 entries, out of which 65 faced the starter, Mr. R. J. Hunt, and at 4.30 p.m., sharp the men got away to a very good start. Fifty-six finished the race, which was a stiff test of stamina over a course just under ten miles.

The Course.

The course was as follows:—Start at Lytleton-road (outside the hostel entrance of the Hong Kong University) along Lytleton-road, through Park-road, then wind up Robinson-road, along the New Motor-road to the end of Conduit-road, then through the Conduit Viaduct until Mr. Biggar's House; along Pokfulam-road, down Dairy Farm Hill to point of Jubilee-road, along that point to Mount Davis-road, up Mount Davis-road to the Point of Pokfulam-road, along that road, pass the Hong Kong University (front entrance) and along Bonham-road finishing outside King's College.

The majority of those who started for the race were in teams, only eight running individually. The members of the various teams ran independently of each other, the first five of any team to complete the course to score points towards the "Nestangle" team shield.

The Teams.

The teams, which were not limited in the number of entries, lined up as follows:—

St. Peter's Club.—R. Leong, F. S. Tong, W. Cunningham, Lau Fu-chung, S. Chenalloy, Harold Kew, J. King and J. Hannan.

H.M.S. "Titanic".—D. K. H. Gawn, W. R. Fell, D. H. Nelson, H. S. P. Watch. Six other members of this team arrived late and did not start.

Indian Mounted Battery.—Monsi Khan, Yusuf Khan, Babu Singh, Tara Singh, Daswanda Singh, Karam Hussain, Mohammed Khan, Din Mohammed, Daktar Ali, Daktar Taur Singh, Sr., and Daktar Taur Singh, Jr.

Queen's Regt.—Corpl. F. Allen and Privates A. Dry, A. Warner, G. Jennings, A. Woodard and G. Crafts.

Scots Guards.—Lance-Corpl. F. Macdonald, Lance-Corpl. Lilley, and Guardsmen J. King, R. A. Collins, J. Kelly, W. C. Leonard, D. Godward and Hart.

K.O.S.B.—Sergt. Watts, Sergt. D. Falconer, Lance-Sergt. Cannell, Lance-Corpl. Year, Lance-Corpl. Mylie, Lance-Corpl. J. Gilchrist, and Privates Hislop, Scott, Anderson, Richie, Torrens, Douglas, Nelson, Skinner, Bannas, Walls, Belk and Mulvey.

Individuals.—S. Cutforth, A. L. Nemes, H. O. Davies, E. Harvey, P. W. Burchell, H. F. Regis, W. Gooding, and Pte. J. Tiernan, R.A.M.C., winner of the St. Andrew's Church Young Men's Club's Kowloon marathon last month.

The Start.

At the word "Go" the men all got off in a bunch, but soon after leaving Robinson-road, Tiernan took the lead, followed by a bunch of Indians who kept close to his heels most of the way.

Nearing the Chinese Protestant Cemetery, Tiernan was comfortably in the lead, with the Indians and a couple of K.O.S.B. runners strung out some distance behind. The rest of the field was badly left.

A Short Cut.

At this stage Gunner Abdul Gafur of the Mounted Battery was "tail man" of the leading fourteen men, but soon after passing the cemetery he was first, running a good distance in front of Tiernan. Abdul Gafur finished the race first, but when the cards were checked, it was found that Abdul Gafur, through a misunderstanding, had taken a short cut through the cemetery, and this accounted for his leading Tiernan who had followed the proper course.

Abdul Gafur was disqualified and Tiernan was awarded the first place by the judges.

First 14.

The first fourteen men to finish the full course were:—

1. Pte. Tiernan, R.A.M.C. Time: 53 minutes.
2. Gunner Katar Singh, Mounted Battery.
3. Gunner Daswanda Singh, Mounted Battery.
4. Gunner Dabu Singh, Mounted Battery.
5. Pte. Anderson, K.O.S.B.
6. Gunner Monshi Khan, Mounted Battery.
7. Lance-Corpl. Year, K.O.S.B.
8. Pte. Bannas, K.O.S.B.
9. Pte. Nemes, R.A.M.C.
10. Sergt. Watts, K.O.S.B.
11. Gunner Mohammed Khan, Mounted Battery.
12. D. K. H. Gawn (H.M.S. "Titanic").
13. Gunner Karkat Ali, Mounted Battery.
14. Lance-Corpl. Mylie, K.O.S.B.

Special prizes were offered for the first two St. Peter's Club's members to finish the course, and these were won by Harold Kew and R. Leong. Three other Club members finished the course in the order given: S. Chenalloy, Lau Fu-chung and F. S. Tong.

The judges at the finishing point were Messrs. F. Mow Fung, E. Zimmern, Peter Pau and E. G. Steward.

Prizes Presented.

After the race, those present gathered in the Club-house for the distribution of prizes, which ceremony was performed by Mrs. Swann, wife of the Very Rev. Dean A. Swann, D.S.C., M.A., President of the Club. Afterwards she was presented by a small Boy Scout with a bunch of white lilies gathered in the Club's garden.

Rev. N. V. Halward.

The Chairman of the Club, the Rev. N. V. Halward, M.C., M.A., addressed the gathering, before the prize distribution, as follows:—

Before I call upon Mrs. Swann to present the cups for the Marathon Race, I hope you will permit me to say a few words.

St. Peter's Club has since its inception not only tried to provide recreation for its own members but it has also attempted, in a small way, to foster a spirit of social intercourse and comradeship amongst a large circle of people who happen to find themselves resident in Hong Kong for a short while. This afternoon's Marathon Race is another attempt, which I hope will now be an annual one, to get together a number of people in friendly rivalry. It is in such ways that people of different races can get to know and appreciate one another.

It is especially gratifying to the promoters of this race to have had so many entries, namely 74. It clearly shows that such an effort on the Club's part has not been wasted. Although the organisation of this race has been in the hands of the Club I am sure it could not have been the success it was without the splendid support we have had from various firms and individuals in the Colony.

I should like on behalf of the Club to thank first and foremost the Nestle and Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co. for presenting the Championship Cup and Team Shield. Nestle's interest in the public welfare in places where they have branches is well-known and their many gifts to the public are evidences of their interest in their customers' welfare.

This interest, we find, is world-wide, extending from Europe to the Far East and from Australia to America. A concern such as this cannot fail to give everyone the impression that only by service do we grow.

We are also deeply grateful to the Hong Kong Amusements, Ltd. for presenting the first and second prizes, to Mr. Andrew Cheung for presenting the Club Members Cup and to Mr. Lytton for presenting third prize.

We are taking, this afternoon, the opportunity of asking Mrs. Swann to present the prizes for the Club Billiard Championship for 1928. Here again we are indebted to firm and individuals for helping us by presenting so many of the prizes. First to Dr. Kotewall, who has been our Patron since the Club was formed and who has evinced his interest in many helpful ways, and who has kindly presented the Championship Cup. We are also grateful to the Wing On Co., Ltd. for presenting the first prize and to Lane, Crawford Ltd. for presenting a cue for the highest break.

If a Club such as ours is going to carry on in the way in which it has started it is obvious that the support of firms and individuals is needed and once again I should like to say how grateful we are for the support which has been given to us by so many.

Our best thanks are due to all those gentlemen who, this afternoon, have helped to make this our first effort such a success.

Dean Swann.

After the distribution of prizes, the Dean addressed the gathering.

He thanked the Club for asking Mrs. Swann to give away the prizes.

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WU-HAN VIEWS.

NATIONALIST LEADERS' CONFERENCE.

FOUR RESOLUTIONS.

Peking, April 11.

Despatches from the Wu-Han cities state that for the purpose of discussing various problems of the Hunan and Hupoh provinces, Generals Cheng Chien, Pei Chung-hsi, Li Tsung-jen, Hu Chung-tu, Chow Lan, Yeh Chi and other leading members of the Kwangsi party from Changsha and Wu-chang held a special conference at Hankow on April 1. The following four resolutions were unanimously passed:—

1. Completion of the anti-North expedition through co-operation with Chiang Kai-shek, Feng Yu-shiang and Yen Hsi-shan against Peking.
2. Establishment of special schools in Hupoh and Hunan for the training of Kuomintang members to understand the real meaning of the "Three People's Principles."
3. Effective suppression of Communists in Hunan and Hupoh provinces.
4. Apprehension of Wang Ching-wai, Kan Nai-kwang, Chen Shu-jen, Wong Fu-ching and five other ex-members of the Central Executive Council of the Kuomintang on account of their close connection with the Moscow Soviet.

As a result of this conference, an army of 50,000 Nationalist troops, picked from the Hupoh and Hunan armies, is to be despatched to Honan to co-operate with Feng Yu-shiang against the Northerners on the Peking-Hankow Railway. — Asiatic News Service.

Some 4,000 persons, about eleven a day, were detected riding on the municipal tramcars in Vienna last year without paying their fares. This figure shows a startling reduction compared with the first year after the war, when no fewer than 100,000 passengers tried to get free rides.

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Second prize Cup (presented by the Hong Kong Amusements, Ltd.).—Gunner Katar Singh, Mounted Battery.

Third prize Cup (presented by Mr. Lytton).—Gunner Daswanda Singh, Mounted Battery.

Fourth prize Medal.—Gunner Babu Singh, Mounted Battery.

"Nestangle" Team Shield (presented by the Nestle and Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co.).—Wong Sing, Monshi Khan and Mohammed Khan. In addition to the Shield, each member of the team received a Silver Medal.

Club Members' Prizes:—1st prize Cup, Harold Kew; 2nd prize Cup, R. Leong.

Billiards Prizes.

The opportunity was also taken of distributing the Club's Billiards Championship prizes, as follows:—

Challenge Cup (presented by Hon. Dr. Kotewall) Philip Tai.

1st Prize (presented by Wing On Co.) Philip Tai.

2nd Prize, Ernest Zimmerman.

Doubles Handicap: 1st, Tai and Ko; 2nd, W. A. Youngsaye and G. S. Zimmerman.

Singles Handicap: 1st, George Ko; 2nd, Maurice Weil.

Highest Break Cue (presented by Lane, Crawford, Ltd.) P. Tai (63 points).

At the conclusion cheers and "tigers" were given for Mrs. Swann and the Club's Chairman.

The thanks of the Club are due to the Traffic Police and members of the Police Reserve "Flying Squad" who rendered valuable services in regulating traffic and to Mrs. Swann for giving away the prizes.

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LOCAL TENNIS.

LEAGUE COMMENCES ON MAY 5.

A BIG PROGRAMME.

The local tennis League which commences on the first Saturday of May, bids fair to be as interesting as that of any other previous season, judging by the entries received—thirty-four teams as against thirty last year. The official fixtures extend to August 11.

The Chinese R.C. triple champions last year, will again compete in all three divisions, including two teams in the "C" division. The Indian R.C. have entered the "C" division for the first time. For the last few seasons the Indians have been the C.R.C.'s most formidable rivals in the "A" and "B" sections but in view of a weakened team in the "A" division this year (it is understood that at least two of their most prominent players in H. D. Rumjahn and J. A. Cassumbhoy will turn out for a rival club), it is not expected that the I.R.C. will go very far. Once again the Hong Kong C.C. will also be represented in all the divisions. Club de Recreio will have two teams in the "C" while new entries in this section include the Filipino Club, European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon Indian T.C., Civil Service C.C. and Kennedy-road Married Quarters.

The fixtures for the season follow:—

"A" Division.

May 5:—Craigengower v. Kowloon C.C. Chinese R.C. v. University. Hong Kong C.C. v. Indian R.C.

May 12:—Chinese R.C. v. Craigengower. Kowloon C.C. v. University. M.B.K. v. Indian R.C.

May 19:—Craigengower v. University. Chinese R.C. v. Kowloon C.C. Hong Kong C.C. v. M.B.K.

May 26:—Indian R.C. v. Craigengower. Kowloon C.C. v. Hong Kong C.C.

May 3:—Craigengower v. H.K.C.C. Kowloon C.C. v. Indian R.C. University v. M.B.K.

June 9:—M.B.K. v. Craigengower. Indian R.C. v. Chinese R.C. University v. Hong Kong C.C.

June 16:—Kowloon C.C. v. M.B.K. Hong Kong C.C. v. Chinese R.C.

University v. Indian R.C.

May 5:—M.B.K. v. Hong Kong C.C. Kowloon C.C. v. Indian R.C. South China A.A. v. Royal R.C. "B."

Recreio v. Craigengower. University v. Nippon Club.

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July 7:—Nippon Club v. H.K.C.C. R. Engineers v. Indian R.C. Kowloon C.C. v. Craigengower. University v. S.C.A.A. Recreio v. Chinese R.C.

July 14:—Chinese R.C. v. Nippon Club. Craigengower v. Indian R.C. Kowloon C.C. v. R. Engineers. H.K.C.C. v. S.C.A.A.

"C" Division.

May 5:—R.A.O.C. v. South China A.A. Indian R.C. v. Chinese R.C. "A."

Recreio "A" v. Hong Kong C.C.

Kowloon C.C. v. Nippon Club. Kennedy-road M.Q. v. Kowloon Indian T.C.

Y.M.C.A. v. R.A.M.C. Civil Service v. Recreio "B."

May 12:—R.A.O.C. v. Chinese R.C. "A." S.C.A.A. v. Indian R.C. Recreio "A" v. Filipino Club. H.K.C.C. v. Recreio "B."

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Kowloon Indian T.C. v. R.A.M.C.

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June 30:—K.C.C. v. R.A.O.C. S.C.A.A. v. Nippon Club. Kennedy-road M.Q. v. C.R.C. "A."

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July 28:—C.S.C.C. v. R.A.O.C. Y.M.C.A. v. S.C.A.A. R.A.M.C. v. C.R.C. "A." C.R.C. "B" v. Indian R.C. Filipino Club v. Nippon Club. Recreio "B" v. Kowloon C.C. Kowloon Indian T.C. v. Recreio "A." Kennedy-rd. M.Q. v. H.K.C.C.

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List of Unclaimed Radio Telegrams.

Mar. 3, Vermetus, Hong Kong, from Manila; Mar. 3, Sandalwood, Hong Kong, from "Suwa Maru"; Mar. 4, Simlecham, Hong Kong, from Cholon; Mar. 6, Julian Weissbach, Hong Kong, Palmbeach; Mar. 6, Pokoing, Hong Kong, from Soerabaja; Mar. 7, Tadora, Hong Kong, from "Atsuta Maru"; Mar. 8, Cheungtaihong, Hong Kong, from Soerabaja; Mar. 8, Chungtung-chong, Hong Kong, from Soerabaja; Mar. 11, Fungtat, Hong Kong, from San Francisco; Mar. 11, Lam-cheongyi, Hong Kong, from Mon-chengyong; Mar. 14, Ritchie, Hong Kong, from "Paul Lecat"; Mar. 17, Sian-han, Hong Kong, from Swatow; Mar. 19, Percival, Hong Kong, from "President Lincoln"; Mar. 22, Scribes, Hong Kong, from Cholon; Mar. 23, Scribes, Hong Kong, from Cholon; Mar. 24, 0046 7893 1345, Hong Kong, from Canton; Mar. 24, Tseannan, Hong Kong, from Tchekam; Mar. 26, Tseet, Hong Kong, from "Tenyo Maru"; Mar. 26, 0034, Hong Kong, from Swatow; Mar. 28, Margot, Hong Kong, from Manila; Mar. 27, Magasin Hunet-chang, Hong Kong, from s.s. "Andre Lebon"; Mar. 30, Wilt, Hong Kong, from Wuchow; Mar. 31, Yuenlai, Hong Kong, from Samarinda; April 2, Oscar-Bank of China, Hong Kong, from Swatow; Apr. 3, Kioeliong, Hong Kong, from Magelang; Apr. 3, Wanloingkeke, Hong Kong, from "Hozan Maru"; Apr. 4, Felds, s.s. "Aeneas", Hong Kong, from Canton; Apr. 6, Gregory Cullen, Hong Kong, from San Francisco; Apr. 9, Tsant-cheungwoo, Hong Kong, from Kwongchow; Apr. 11, 0448 6068 3029 etc., Hong Kong, from Swatow; Apr. 12, Harbour Pilot Station, Hong Kong, from "Somedon Maru"; Apr. 12, Shudder, Hong Kong, from Namdinh; Apr. 12, Portait, Hong Kong, from "Kashgar"; Apr. 13, Cucumber, Hong Kong, from Manila; Apr. 16, Miramar, Hong Kong, from s.s. "Mongolia"; Apr. 16, Yu Huan-tan, Hong Kong, from "President Jackson"; Apr. 18, Kokamun, Hong Kong, from Sandakan; Apr. 18, Laisang, Hong Kong, from Makasser; Apr. 18, Homaco, Hong Kong, from "President Pierce"; Apr. 18, Nozavler, Hong Kong, from Ogdu Utah.

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LORD TERRINGTON IN ENGLAND.

London, Saturday.</

H.K. CHAMBER.

THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1927.

INTERESTING REVIEW.

The following excerpts have been reproduced from the comprehensive Annual Report for 1927 issued by the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce. The bulky volume, besides being an excellent record of the multi-annual subjects which from time to time have engaged the attention of the Chamber, serves as an admirable trade barometer of the Colony. It is well worth perusal in extenso, as it is a mine of informative facts collated and compiled most accurately and in a manner highly creditable to all who devoted their attention and time to it.

During the latter part of 1927 the China situation, which had become acute as the result of the Hankow and Nanking incidents, definitely took a turn for the better. In the South, Canton, in December, definitely dissociated itself from Communism, and in March, 1928, the long-standing friendship between Hong Kong and Canton was renewed by an interchange of visits between Marshal Li Chai-sum, Chairman of the Provincial Government Council in Canton, and H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., Governor of Hong Kong. A visit to Canton by the British Minister (Sir Miles Lampson, K.C.M.G.), at this time also had excellent results.

The improvement in trade noted at the end of 1926, gathered momentum during 1927. In the absence of trade statistics—which it is hoped the Government will soon resume—it is impossible to give definite figures, but the increased business recorded by Godown Companies, and the fact that the tonnage of vessels engaged in foreign trade entering and clearing the port during 1927 increased by 8½ million tons, indicate that a definite recovery of trade has taken place.

Confidential Business.

A great deal of business of a confidential nature has come before the Committee in the last twelve months. In regard to the export trade in cassia oil a perplexing situation has recently arisen in consequence of the reported discovery by the consuming markets of a percentage of alcohol in shipments of cassia oil. These allegations are being thoroughly investigated by the Export Sub-committee, with the assistance of the Government Analyst (Mr. E. R. Dovey, F.I.C.) and Mr. A. C. Franklin, F.I.C.

Measures to bring the Hong Kong ocean going passenger certificate in line with the equivalent certificate of the Board of Trade have occupied much attention and the considerations involved are recorded at length in the ensuing pages of this Report.

The thanks of the Chamber are again due to the Colonial Government of Hong Kong for its readiness to consider representations made on various subjects, and to appoint Government officials to confer with Committees of the Chamber when occasion arises. During the year there have been helpful discussions with officials of the Public Works Department and Harbour Department on vehicular ferries; with the Harbour Master on the proposed Harbour Board, and with the Government Analyst on questions connected with certification of export commodities.

Early in its term of office the Committee was deprived, on their departure for home, of the valuable services of Mr. A. O. Lang and Mr. G. M. Young. In the last few days another great loss has been sustained in the departure of Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, who held office as Chairman of the Chamber in 1923, 1925 and 1927 and whose sound judgment and wise counsel, have been of inestimable value to the Chamber.

Trade Statistics.

Two Members of the Chamber wrote during the year enquiring whether the Chamber was taking any steps to persuade the Government to revive the Statistical Branch of the Imports and Exports Department. The writers were informed that while it was considered that the re-establishment of the Statistical Department would certainly be advantageous, the Committee did not feel that the present financial condition of the Colony would warrant a recommendation to the Government that the expense of the Department should be undertaken. The Committee noted that the writers themselves placed considerable value upon local statistics; unfortunately it appeared that the Government had it on record that on the average less than 100 copies of each issue of the Trade Returns were sold, indicating that the interest shown by firms generally was not very great, and in the Government's opinion not sufficient to justify the expenditure of about \$80,000 per annum in maintaining the Department. It was suggested

that the question of trade statistics might be discussed again at the next general meeting of the Chamber.

Life Insurance Ordinance.

The Colonial Secretary wrote on July 15, 1927, stating that a proposal had been made to amend Section 83 of the Life Insurance Companies Ordinance, No. 11 of 1907, so as to exempt Life Insurance Companies operating in Hong Kong which had made a deposit in Great Britain only from the necessity for a local deposit: making them liable in all other respects to the provisions of the Ordinance. The views of the Chamber were invited; also any suggestions regarding the supervision and control of Life Insurance Companies in Hong Kong.

The section of the Life Insurance Companies Ordinance, referred to in the above communication, is as follows:—

"The provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to any life insurance company which has made a deposit in Great Britain under the provision of the Life Assurance Companies Act, 1870 to 1872, and the Governor in Council may at any time, in his discretion and for such period and on such conditions as he may think fit, exempt from any or all the provisions of this Ordinance any life insurance company."

The Chamber replied on August 5, 1927, that it saw no reason why Life Insurance Companies operating in Hong Kong should not have the same exemption with regard to deposits that other insurance companies enjoyed when a deposit had been already made in Great Britain, but was of opinion that such companies should not be exempted from the general provisions of the Ordinance. With reference to the second paragraph of the Government's letter, inviting suggestions regarding the supervision and control of Life Insurance Companies in Hong Kong, the Chamber scarcely felt in a position to express an opinion on such a technical and intricate question.

Freight Tariff Alterations.

The Chamber, on March 8, 1927, wrote to the China and Japan Homeward Freight Conference, Hong Kong, suggesting that alterations in rates of freight be notified by advertisements in order to ensure that shippers receive early and equal opportunity of becoming aware of these changes. The Chairman of the Conference replied, on March 14, that this suggestion had been adopted, but that the present system of distributing to exporters as early as possible Addenda setting forth alterations in basis rates of freight would be continued.

Carriage of Goods by Sea.

The Attorney General informed the Chamber on July 29, 1927, that it is proposed to enact an Ordinance which shall contain the provisions of the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act, 1924. The Home Act contains a clause permitting shipments to be made to neighbouring home ports without a bill of lading, a mate's receipt only being required. In applying this clause to Hong Kong it is proposed to make it apply to all sailing ships (i.e., junks, etc.) and to regular steamship services between the Colony and Macao, Canton and the West River, or to include any other coastal trade.

Travel Organisation.

The Chamber expressed its sympathy with the objects of the London Chamber of Commerce in establishing a Travel Organisation Section, principally in order to promote and encourage travel both to and from Great Britain. It was intimated in a letter from the London Chamber that assistance and information would be gladly rendered to travellers from the Far East who may be visiting Great Britain. Information is requested as to difficulties or inconveniences experienced by Members of this Chamber when travelling to or from Great Britain which might be removed by co-operative action.

United Kingdom Duties on Silk. Members of the Chamber called attention to a decision by the Customs authorities in the United Kingdom that silk ribbon with which cardboard boxes of China ink are trimmed is dutiable; this in spite of representations that the boxes were of no commercial value, being simply containers. Recipients in England suggested that future consignments be sent in plain cardboard boxes or, if any outside decoration is used, it consist of cotton material with no suggestion of silk or imitation silk. Arrangements were made by the

Chamber, with the help of the Chinese Chamber, to circulate the suggestion to manufacturers of Chinese ink.

Cables.

The Eastern Extension, Australasia and China Telegraph Co., Ltd., and The Great Northern Telegraph Co., Ltd., of Denmark, wrote on April 21, 1927, notifying the Chamber of the extension to Outposts of the system under which firms in Hong Kong pay for cable messages once a month under a deposit system. Circulars on the subject were supplied to British Chambers of Commerce at Amoy, Canton, Foochow and Swatow.

On the occasion of the departure from the Colony of Sir Edward Stubbs a number of subscribers contributed to a parting gift to Lady Stubbs and to the cost of an illuminated address to Sir Edward Stubbs, on his relinquishing the office of Governor of Hong Kong in 1925. If there was a balance left over it was the desire of Sir Edward that it should be given to the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor. As shown in the Balance Sheet for 1926 in the last Annual Report, the "Farewell Address surplus" amounted to \$277.18. This sum was forwarded to the Reverend Mother Superior on January 22, 1927.

Shameen Mails.

Early in the year representations were made through the British Chamber of Commerce in Canton with a view to securing improvements in the postal service between Hong Kong and Canton.

Treaties of Commerce.

The Government wrote on March 23, 1927, enquiring whether the Chamber of Commerce was of opinion that notice of accession should be given on behalf of the Colony to the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation with Greece, which was signed on July 16, 1926, in London. Attention was invited to the provisions of Article 28 (3), in view of the fact that it was considered undesirable that notice of accession should be given on behalf of this Colony to the Protocol on Arbitration Clauses therein referred to. (Under Article 28 (3) the two contracting parties agreed in their relations with each other to give effect to the provisions of the Protocol on Arbitration Clauses drawn up in Geneva in 1923). The Colonial Secretary pointed out that accession to the Treaty would of course bring these Arbitration proposals into force only vis-a-vis Greece; but it would necessitate legislation making verbal agreements to arbitrate binding in the case of contracts with persons subject to Greek jurisdiction.

The Chamber replied that for reasons expressed on February 14, 1925, it was considered undesirable that notice of accession to this Treaty be given, it being assumed that accession with reservations was impracticable. (The reasons referred to in the foregoing sentence are fully stated in the Chamber's Annual Report for 1925, p. 78-79).

On March 21, 1927, the Chamber agreed with a proposal by the Government to give notice of accession on behalf of Hong Kong to the Anglo-Jugoslav Commercial Treaty.

On November 13 the Chamber expressed its agreement with accession to the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between the United Kingdom and Hungary.

A Dispatch.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies in a dispatch dated December 10, 1926, forwarded by the Colonial Secretary, respecting the Commercial Treaty with Poland, stated that consideration had recently been given to the question of the most appropriate body to issue certificates of origin in respect of goods which, though consigned from the United Kingdom to Poland, originated in the Colonies, etc., that had acceded to the Treaty. The Polish Government had now agreed to a proposal made by the Board of Trade that the London Chamber of Commerce should be recognised as the competent body to issue such certificates, and had authorised the Polish Consul-General in London to visa certificates of origin delivered by the London Chamber of Commerce in respect of such goods.

In the case of goods consigned direct to Poland from the Colony of origin, or without entering the United Kingdom, it was presumed that the Polish authorities would accept certificates by a local Chamber of Commerce or other local authority issued by a Polish Consul if there was one in the territory; and enquiry was being made as to the form of document which would be accepted in cases where there was at present no Polish representative in the Colony, etc., who possessed authority to issue certificates of origin or visa certificates issued by local bodies.

In a further dispatch, dated August 30, 1927, the Secretary of State wrote that the Polish Government now desired to be furnished with the names of Chambers of Commerce or other bodies authorised to issue certificates of origin in Colonies, Protectorates and Mandated Territories that had acceded to the Treaty. The Colonial Government accordingly enquired whether this Chamber would be prepared to accept appointment as the competent body to issue certificates of origin for this Colony. The Committee replied in the affirmative.

Customs Duties: Changes.

An explanation of the method of calculating Import Duties in Indo-China by means of co-efficients was received from H.M. Consul-General at Saigon, through the Hong Kong Government, and has been placed on file. On July 25, 1927, an additional import duty of 2 per cent. ad valorem was imposed on all goods introduced into Indo-China from whatever source they originated.

Sailors' Home Trustees.

Two vacancies having occurred amongst the Trustees of the Sailors' Home, through the departure from the Colony of Messrs. A. O. Lang and G. M. Young, the Committee (under Section 3 (2) of Ordinance No. 5 of 1925) appointed in their stead Messrs. M. T. Johnson and J. H. Little who had kindly expressed their willingness to serve. Later, Mr. C. G. S. Mackie took the place of Mr. M. T. Johnson.

University Finance Committee.

On leaving the Colony Mr. G. M. Young resigned his seat as Member of the Council of the University of Hong Kong, and of the Finance Committee of the University by statutory authority as a member appointed by the Chamber. The Registrar of the University wrote on March 30, 1927, stating that he was desired to communicate to Mr. Young, through the Chamber, an expression of appreciation of, and gratitude for, the services rendered so ungrudgingly by him to the University which would feel the loss of his advice and assistance very keenly indeed.

Mr. Neillage S. Brown was nominated by the Committee to fill the vacancy and kindly accepted the position.

Membership.

During the year there were seven withdrawals from membership of the Chamber, and the following accessions:—

The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., Messrs. Bitzer & Co., China Underwriters, Ltd., A. Goetz & Co., Roza Bros., Steger & Co., Sui Heong Yuen, Wai On Tseung, Ltd., Xavier Bros., Ltd.

The election of these Members by the Committee requires confirmation at the Annual Meeting.

Receipts from Members' Subscriptions are lower by \$1,225 than in 1926, and Chamber's fees from surveys are less by \$720.55 as compared with last year. Sales of the Annual Report, amounting to \$245.75, have reduced the cost of publication to \$579.53.

On the year's working, a balance of \$11,181.12 has been carried to General Reserve Account. For the first time for some years, the Chinese Language School showed a surplus of income over expenditure amounting to \$870.23, due to an increased attendance of students during 1927.

The General Reserve Account now stands at \$60,953.04 as compared with \$48,901.64 at the end of 1926. In order to spread the cost of the Secretary's leave pay over the intervening period of service, a sum of \$1,800 has been put to a reserve, at which annual rate the necessary amount will be available when required.

A temporary overdraft was obtained from the bank in order to apply funds on fixed deposit for the purpose of taking up \$25,000 of Hong Kong Government six per cent. loan for Public Works. The Cash and Investments of the Chamber, subject to the temporary overdraft above referred to, amounted at the end of the year to \$57,796.73.

Wireless Development. The Chamber is indebted to the Colonial Government for the following notes on the development of Wireless Telegraphy locally during 1927:—

I. Cape D'Aguilar W/T Station (V.P.S.).—(a) Three short wave transmitters were built in the Electrical Workshops and were installed during the year, and have proved most satisfactory.

(b) A new 6 Kw. Motor-Alternator set was installed in December, 1927.

(c) The revenue from Cape D'Aguilar W/T Station has shown a satisfactory increase of 62 per cent. during 1927.

II. The Government School for training Asiatic Operators was reopened on January 4, 1927. Thirty-one students attended: 15 passed, 5 failed and 2 obtained posts as telegraphists before completion of the course. The remainder left the school before the end of the course, or did not sit for the examination.

III. Interport Traffic.—Owing to unsettled conditions in South China the amount of traffic handled varied considerably. The service to Swatow was resumed on April 5. A service to Amoy was opened on September 24.

IV. Rugby Press.—Approximately 206,000 words were received and distributed to various Government Offices and to the Local Press. Atmospherics have interfered with

BRITISH SHIPS.

THE CALL FOR BRITISH CREWS.

A REVIEW.

Time was, before the war, when there was much talk of the increasing foreign element in the crews of British ships. It used to be said freely that British forecastles were filled with "Dutchmen" and "Dagos," and that, in the Eastern trades, Lascars invariably predominated. It is evident that there has been a great change since those times, for the return of engagements of seamen in Great Britain and Northern Ireland during 1927, like those of the previous three or four years, leaves no manner of doubt that British subjects are far in the ascendant on British ships. Indeed, they are overwhelmingly so, for the percentages of "British other than Asiatics and Africans" are 98.9 per cent. for the first quarter of the year, 95 per cent. for the second quarter, 94.7 per cent. for the third quarter, and 94.8 per cent. for the fourth.

On the other hand, "foreigners other than Asiatics and Africans" amounted respectively to only 2.3 per cent., 2.4 per cent., 2.5 per cent., and 2.2 per cent. Chinese ranged from 0.4 per cent. to 0.2 per cent., Arabs from 1.6 per cent. to 1.1 per cent., and "other Asiatics" from 1.2 per cent. to 1.5 per cent. Compared with the corresponding quarters for 1926 and 1925, these figures show no change of importance. If anything, the percentage of foreigners other than Asiatics and Africans tends to decline, and so does that of Chinese and Arabs, but the differences are very small. Of course, it has to be remembered that the returns refer to engagements of seamen at British ports and include crews employed in the coasting and near trade, but even so, it is apparent that the percentage of foreigners and Lascars in the more distant and Tropical trades is still small.

It is well remembered that the war had a great influence in clearing British ships of foreign crews; the risks were too great, and it now appears that British-born subjects have fully retained the hold on our Mercantile Marine which they then secured. "British men for British ships" is the satisfactory conclusion to which these figures point. Alike from the point of view of the shipowner and the crew this is what is to be desired.—"Journal of Commerce."

reception from time to time. It is hoped to effect an improvement in 1928.

V. The Meteorological W/T Station at the Royal Observatory call-sign G. O. W.). Here 1½ Kw. telegraphy and telephony was opened for traffic on April 1, 1927. Its range is 500 miles for telegraphy and 100 miles for telephony.

VI. The non-commercial wireless service, (Police Stations, Police Launches, Rescue Tug and Light-houses) were maintained in a satisfactory manner.

VII. Radio Licences for amateurs. — Number of receiving licences issued, 53; Number of transmitting and receiving licences issued, 8.

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CHEUNGCHAU NOTES

EXTRA FERRIES FOR THE
FESTIVAL.

SUMMER RESIDENCE.

Cheung Chau Island,
Saturday.

The annual (Chinese) theatricals organised by the local "kai-fong" held in the towering temple, opened on Friday and will run on till April 25. The performances attract the usual crowds and special ferris run each day to and from Hong Kong. The hours are as follow:—
From Hong Kong 6 a.m. and 10 a.m. (the latter a convenient hour for those who wish to spend the day on the Island), 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and the usual 5.30 p.m.; from Cheung Chau 7.40 a.m., 2 p.m., 3.15 p.m. and 5 p.m. On Sunday evening the usual 7 p.m. trip is made.

Some friends are taking the opportunity to pay a visit to look over the cottages with a view to renting in the summer.

The rains have been welcome for the gardens but the dreaded caterpillars are beginning to appear and it is hoped that there will not be a plague like last year.—Our own correspondent.

TIENTSIN TAXES.

MERCHANTS' OPPOSITION TO
AUTHORITIES.

LEVY ON CAPITAL.

Tientsin, April 10.

Negotiations for the payment of a lump sum of \$30,000 monthly by the Chinese merchants in lieu of the collection of the special luxury tax as in Peking have broken down. The question is still not settled.

The Tientsin authorities are making careful investigations prior to the actual levy of the tax. At the same time, collection of the special licence tax at Tientsin has not been started by the Chihli provincial authorities owing to strong opposition by the local merchants.

The officially fixed rates are 2½ per cent. on the capital of larger business establishments such as banks, jewellery shops and industrial companies and 1½ per cent. on ordinary business houses.

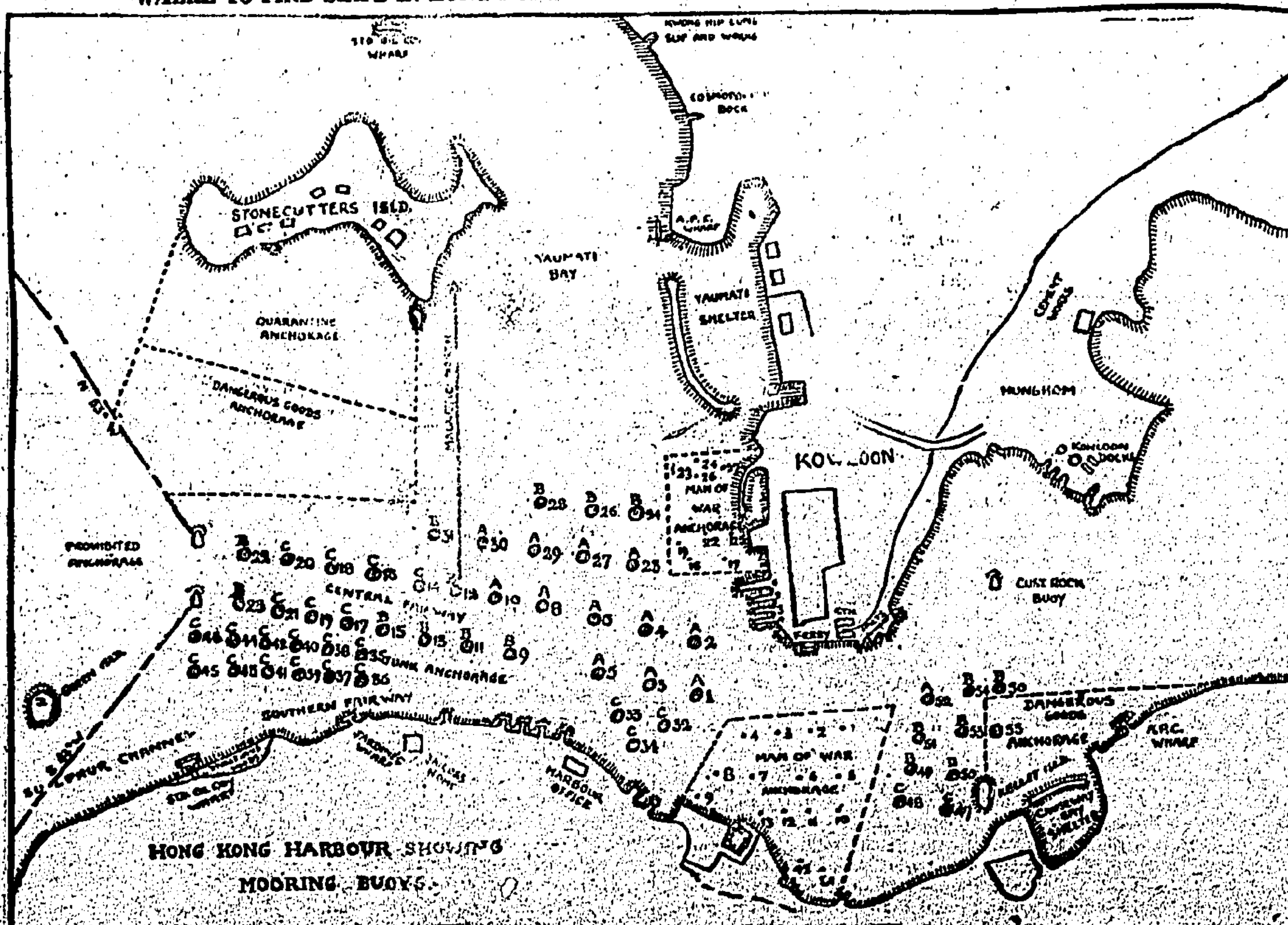
Foreign Banks, Too.

Initial capital, circulating capital and reserve are all included in the term "capital" in taxation. Accordingly, the mercantile classes consider the rates too high.

Further, the proposed special 5 per cent. tax on the notes of banks, including foreign banks which circulate notes in North China, will probably be dropped by the Fan Fu Cabinet since the bankers have manifested strong opposition against it.

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LAI WAH CUP.

(Continued from Page 9.)

useful deputy. With Clarke hurt Wheeler played a magnificent game in goal, saving on many occasions when he looked well beaten, and Wynne and Bishop were both strong backs.

McKelvie was strong at centre half and McGreevy played one of his best games. Watson was not so prominent as his confreres. The Civilian wingers played well, Pile and Cornwall being the pick of the forwards, and much of the Civilian success was due to Pile's fine centring and corners throughout the afternoon. Clarke, by getting two goals, came in for much applause, and Rocha did well in a quiet manner and is a much improved forward.

The Army disappointed: Anderson and his backs did not seem happy, and one or two of the Civilian goals ought not to have been scored. The backs have played much better games. Sims and Carswell did well at half back, but Hill gave Pile too much room altogether and was beaten by the nippy winger.

The forwards' runs up to goal were fine, but too many Army chances went over or past the goal. In field play the Army forward line were superior to their opponents. McGlinchey and Leech were the pick of the line, whose only fault appeared to be poor shooting. McGlinchey's goal, however, was the best of the match.

Friendly Match.

ROYAL NAVY v. CHINESE ATHLETIC.

There was a good crowd at the Valley when the following teams lined out:—

Royal Navy:—Goal, Brockman; Backs, Barkham, Baker; Half-backs, Williams, Perks, Strudymann; Forwards, Van Tromp, Firth, Simmonds, Kennedy, Shobrooke.

Chinese Athletic:—Goal, Pau; Backs, Lo Wai-man, Lai Yuk-tat; Half-backs, Mak Kwok-tung, Wong Sui-wah; Ho Choi-jin; Forwards, Tao Kwei-shing, Chen Siu-hing, Lam Yuk-ying, Shek Pui-tim, Lee Hung-ching.

Referee: Mr. Ip Kau-ko.

The Navy fielded a very strong team but Chinese Athletic were without Leung Yuk-tong, their right half, Chen Kwong and Suen Kam-shun, the left wing, Wong Pak-cheong, centre forward and Li Wai-koon, inside right, only Tao Kwei-shing of the first team forward line playing, and Lam Yuk-

ying took the centre forward position.

The Navy started in promising fashion as from the kick off by the Athletic, Perks gained possession and, feeding cleverly, Simmonds went right through and put Navy up in the first few minutes.

This reverse put the Chinese team on their mettle, and Lee went away on the wing, but Barkham saved and sent well up the field. Shobrooke centred accurately and clever work by Simmonds gave Firth a chance, the inside right scoring a nice goal. Navy thus led two to nil very early.

Bright work by Tao on the China right was stopped by Baker and Shobrooke missed with a big drive. Navy pressed heavily and Pau saved with the forwards all up.

Navy were awarded a penalty but Pau saved in great style to much applause. The ball went hard and true under the bar, but the goalie cleverly tipped over.

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Good kicking by the Athletic backs kept the Navy out and hands against Van Tromp cleared the attack, but in spite of good work by Wong Shui-wah, who was kicking well, Navy, from a nice corner by Shobrooke, scored again, Simmonds netting cleverly.

Kennedy added another for the Navy after good play by the Navy front line and the Athletic were four down at the interval.

The Chinese team played much better in the second half and after Pau had saved a beauty from Van Tromp, Barkham was given a warm time by Lee Hung, who showed good pace, but Navy relieved. Van Tromp again got going on the right and, after pretty passing by the Navy front line, crossed the ball to Shobrooke, who muddled nicely and Simmonds scored number five.

Tao Kwei-shing made a great dash down the wing, finishing with a splendid low shot, which Brockman was lucky to get to. The Chinese forwards made another good burst, Lam Yuk-ying being dispossessed by Barkham in the nick of time. The Navy were, however, much superior and only good defence by the backs and Pau kept the score down. The Athletic, towards the end, all but scored, a fine effort by Lam being just turned outside by Brockman. Navy pressed hard to the finish and in the closing stages were much superior. Tao Kwei-shing made progress on the right, but was unsupported and time came with Navy easy winners.

Comment.
Navy fielded a good team and the new men played well and quite justified the reputations which they came with. Brockman, Baker and Barkham were sturdy defenders and Perks, a new man on the Station, made a good impression. Williams and Strudymann were good supporters. Simmonds made a very good impression at centre forward, the forward line being strong, and Van Tromp and Firth played much better than against the Civilian in the Lai Wah Cup. Shobrooke was a good outside left, displaying fine footwork and judgment.

The Chinese were seriously weakened forward; where Tao Kwei-shing and Lam Yuk-ying played fine football.
Wong Shui-wah was a tower of strength at half back and Lo Wai-man and Lai Yuk-tat played well at back. Pau saved on many occasions and had very little chance with the goals scored. At times his saves were very clever and his turning out of the penalty shot was a fine effort, deservedly cheered.

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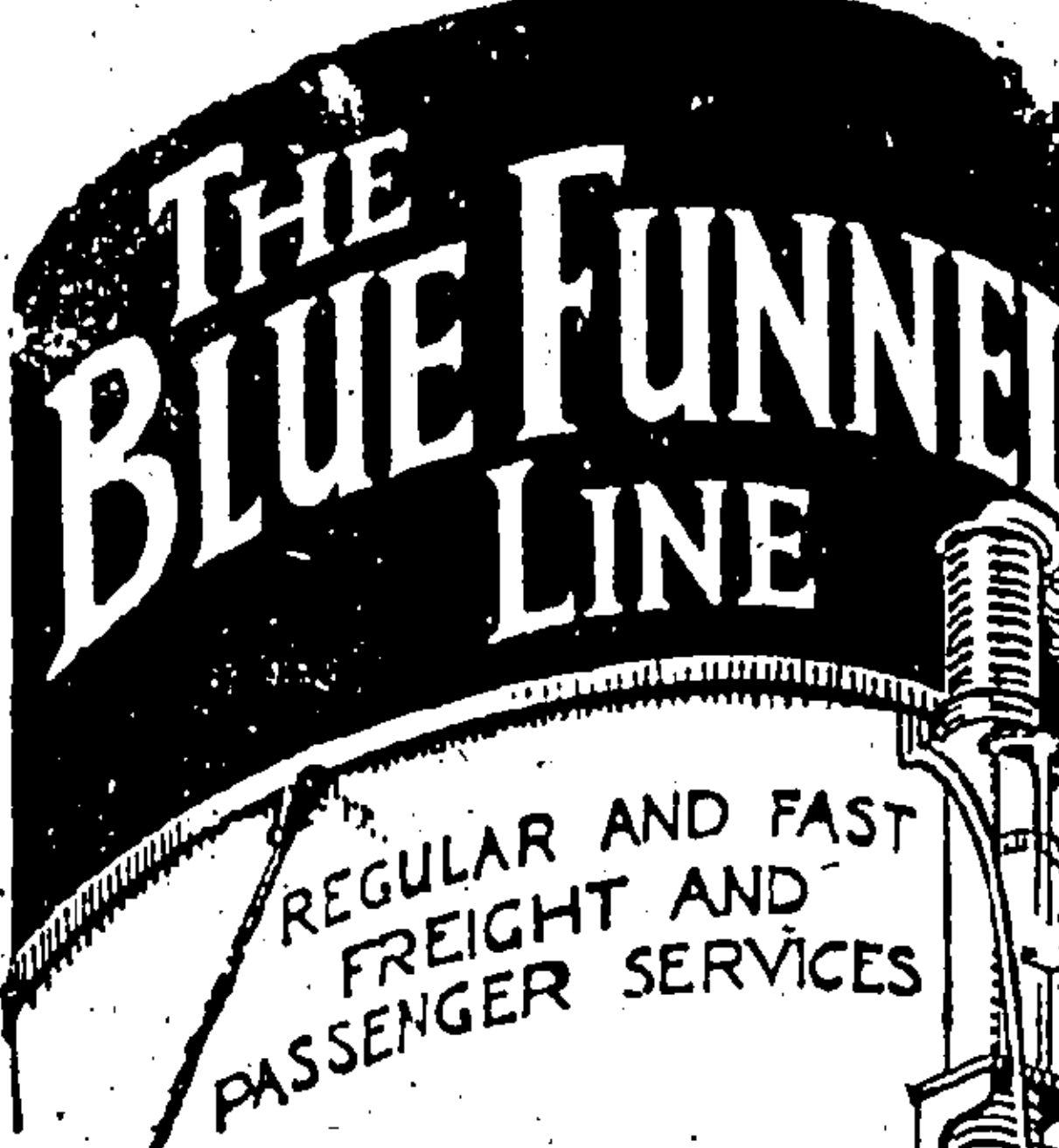
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Amoy	Pooksang 5 p.m.
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Australian Explorer's 21 Hours' Dash.

Oslo, Saturday.
According to an unconfirmed report in the newspaper "Dagblad", the airmen, Captain George Wilkins and Lieutenant B. Nielsen, arrived at Spitzbergen from Alaska after a flight of 21 hours.
Companion of Shackleton.
London, Saturday.
Details of the two thousand mile flight of the Australian explorer, Captain Wilkins, across the North Pole are still lacking. However, a Copenhagen message quotes the explorer Amundsen as saying "No flight has been made anywhere at any time which is in any way comparable to this."

Cables from Oslo disclose the fact that Captain Wilkins left Alaska six days ago, and, after crossing the North Pole, the machine was forced to land on a desolate island to the north of Spitzbergen. Here the aviators encountered some Norwegians after a five days' search. After this they flew to Spitzbergen.

Captain Wilkins has twice previously attempted the trans-Polar flight. He is a small bearded man and won the Military Cross in the Great War. He accompanied Sir Ernest Shackleton on the "Quest" expedition to the South Polar regions.—Reuter.

New York, Saturday.
The report of the success of Captain Wilkins in his attempt to fly across to Arctic regions from Port Barrow, Alaska, has been confirmed by a wireless message from Captain Wilkins to the "Detroit News". The message comes from Svalbard, and states that they reached Spitzbergen after 21½ hours' flying.—Reuter's American Service.

DISARMAMENT.

LORD CUSHENDUN EXPRESSES DISAPPOINTMENT.

GENEVA AND CONSCRIPTION.

London, April 21.
Lord Cushendun, speaking at the League of Nations Union meeting last night, expressed his disappointment that more had not been done in progressive international disarmament. He emphasised the fact that, without waiting for any international agreement, Britain had for economy and other reasons already carried out a large measure of reduction. This reduction was particularly notable in the personnel of the navy, in tonnage of ships and in dockyards.

It might well be argued that Britain's reductions in the fighting strength of three services amply carried out her obligations to reduce her armaments to the lowest level consistent with public safety. But Britain had offered to do more and more and was ready to do so as soon as agreement with other nations was reached.

One of the great obstacles at Geneva was the different views taken by nations on conscription. But he had faith that a very much larger measure of disarmament would be accomplished, although in itself it was not the only factor in maintaining peace.—British Wireless Service.

SOVIET OIL.

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NEW PRESIDENT.

New York, April 21.
In connection with the report that the Standard Oil Company, has concluded a new agreement with the Soviet, it is interesting to note that Mr. Charles Meyer, who closed the original contracts yesterday, has been elected president. He succeeds Mr. Herbert Pratt, who is made Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Meyer was largely responsible for the precipitation of the present price war between the Standard Oil and the Royal Dutch Shell interests. His election is regarded here as marking a possible intensification of the struggle.—British Wireless Service.

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With the Wind Behind.
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MODERN FERMENT.

SIR F. WHYTE ON THE NEW FAR EAST.

INTERESTING PREDICTIONS.

London, April 21.
In a long article in the "Observer" on "The New Far East," Sir Frederick Whyte alludes to the "ferment of modernism" in Japan, India, Turkey, China, Persia, Siam and Afghanistan. He says that Asia's future depends on Geneva or Moscow, and declares that Soviet Russia holds the chief of many keys to the problem, but the conflict within her soul is not over. "Our part in her metamorphosis is to enable her to return without excessive delay or irritating penalty to the European family. Thus we will ease Europe and save Asia from the direct conflict."

Sir Frederick predicts a Russo-Japanese understanding based on a compromise of interests in the Far East. He concludes that Europe's behaviour at Geneva will profoundly affect the action both of Moscow and Tokyo, and as the British Commonwealth is more deeply interested in the consequences of Russo-Japanese relations than any other power, the fact cannot be ignored that the action of British statesmen in the League of Nations will play a part deciding the fate of two continents.—Reuter.

'QUAKE VICTIMS.

CAMPING IN TENTS & HUTS IN PHILIPPOLIS.

MORE RUMBLINGS.

Sofia, Saturday.
Earthquake shocks, accompanied by underground rumblings, continued in Philippopolis and the rest of the devastated regions throughout the night of the 20th inst. and yesterday. Heavy rain and severe cold added to the miseries of the earthquake victims, who are camping out in tents and huts.—Reuter.

Violent Shocks At Athens.
Athens, Yesterday.
Four violent earthquake shocks occurred yesterday evening. The inhabitants fled the streets.—Reuter.

BOMBAY STRIKE.

TWENTY-THREE MILLS NOW AFFECTED.

ROWDY DEMONSTRATIONS.

Bombay, April 21.
There are now twenty-three mills not working. Rowdy strikers demonstrated in front of the mills which were working, and there were several clashes between strikers and the police. Eight strikers have been arrested and the Commissioner of Police has prohibited processions and meetings of strikers.—Reuter.

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COMMANDER DANIEL ON "DAILY MAIL."

London, Saturday.
Commander Daniel has joined the staff of the "Daily Mail." (Commander H. M. Daniel, D.S.O., R.N., was one of the principals in the recent sensational "Royal Oak" affair. He was court-martialled and dismissed his ship.)

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The clearing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/6 1/2.

FRENCH ELECTIONS.

Results Slowly Coming To Hand.

MINISTERS RE-ELECTED.

Briand, Herriot And Tardieu Among The Successful.

Paris, Yesterday.
The first ballot of the elections, in which polling proceeded briskly and peacefully all day, has resulted in the return of M.M. Briand, Herriot and Tardieu.

Paris, Later.
M. Painleve.
M. Maginot, ex-War Minister, has been elected. M. Painleve has not secured sufficient votes for election but will stand in the final ballot on the 29th inst.—Reuter.

WAR ABOLITION.

DETAILS PUBLISHED OF THE FRENCH PLAN.

SIX ARTICLES.

Paris, April 21.
The French plan for a multilateral pact, outlawing war, has been published in the form of a draft treaty. There are six articles. The first provides that "high contracting parties, without endangering their legitimate right to defence within the limits of existing treaties, particularly when they conceive the violation of certain clauses thereof as a hostile act, do solemnly declare that they condemn the recourse to war, and renounce it as an instrument of national policy."

That is to say, they renounce war as an instrument of personal, spontaneous, independent political action wherein they take the initiative, and not of an action wherein they find themselves involved by the application of a treaty such as the Covenant of the League of Nations, or any other treaty registered by the League of Nations.

They engage themselves under these conditions to make no attack or invasion, one against the other." The second provision is that the solution of all disputes and differences be sought entirely by peaceful means. Thirdly, any breach of treaty releases the high contracting parties from obligations with regard to the guilty party.

The fourth section makes it clear that the present treaty in no wise nullifies the obligations consequent on previous treaties; while the fifth provides that the treaty shall be proposed to all powers and shall only become binding after it has been unanimously accepted, unless an agreement to the contrary has been reached.

The final section deals with the conditions of ratification of the treaty.—Reuter.

American Dissatisfaction.
Washington, April 21.
While no comment is yet available from the State Department with regard to the French plan to outlaw war, it is understood that the proposals are so hedged with restrictions that they do not satisfy American officials.—Reuter's American Service.

Germany's Views.

Berlin, Yesterday.
The French anti-war treaty has been unfavourably received in political circles and the Press. The opinion is expressed that the French reservation to Mr. Kellogg's proposals contains legal subtleties calculated to weaken the strong moral aspect and clear American formula. From an official standpoint there is likely to be a declaration of agreement in principle with the American pact.—Reuter.

BLOW ON FACE.

MINISTER'S EYEGLASSES SMASHED.

Paris, April 10.
At Belfort, in the course of an electoral assembly, Deputy Miel struck a violent blow at the face of M. Tardieu, Minister of Public Works. The Minister's eye-glasses were broken to pieces. The police arrested the offender.—Asiatic News Service.

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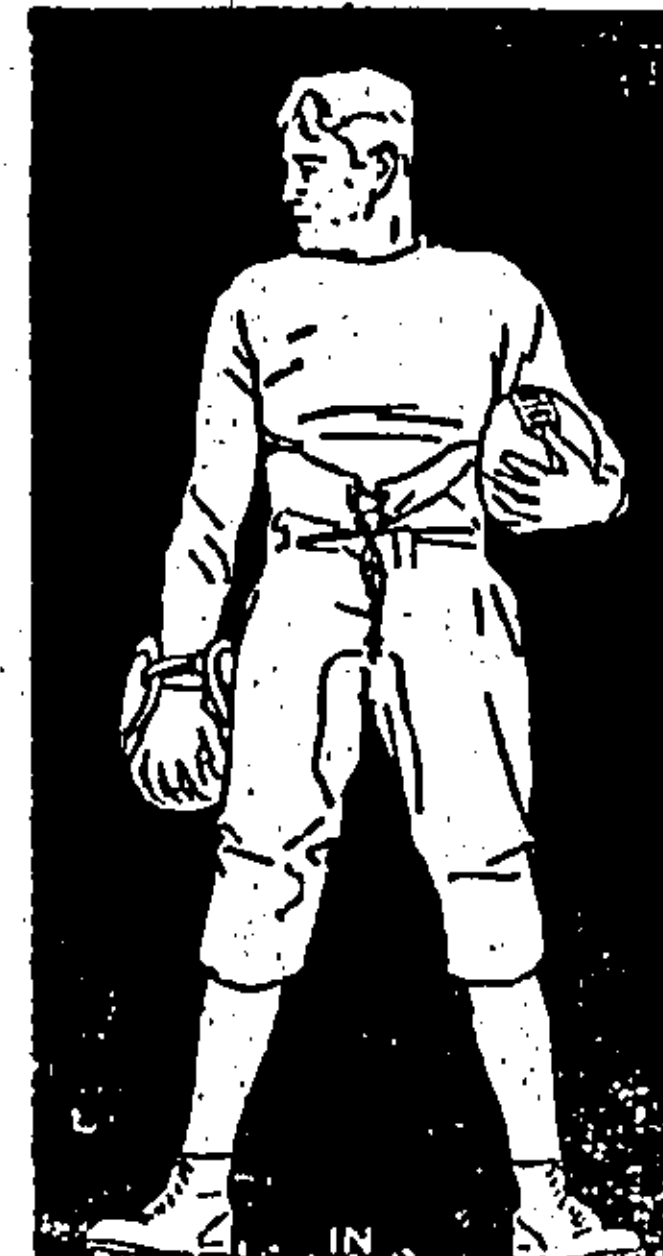
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